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President's Point of View

Summer will be over with by the time your read this, but the nice weather may still be with us. I hope you had as great of a vacation as I did. I went back to Hawaii and toured around the island of Oahu (see photo) from Diamond Head in he south to Waimei Falls in the north. I visited the Polynesian Cultural Center and also spent some time relaxing on the beach. During my visit I enjoyed wonderful food, sunny weather, a beautiful sunset and even sighted Elvis! Actually, it was an impersonator at a dinner show, and his looks and performance were amazing. The only numismatic memento I returned with is one elongated cent I obtained at the Honolulu Aquarium.

I returned refreshed and set for the upcoming Golden State Coin Show. I readied a new exhibit and won a 3rd Place award for my effort. I hope you had a chance to see all of the outstanding exhibits and will participate next year. Both the exonumist meeting and educational forum provided attendees with a wealth of information on diverse and interesting topics. The Saturday evening banquet was absolutely marvelous. I had the distinct pleasure of conferring the title of Historian Emeritus, as approved by the Board, upon Leonora Donald for her long and dedicated service as Historian for NASC. We were entertained by a wonderful hula dancer, and a few other people got into the Aloha spirit and joined in dancing (or trying to) with her.

The busy bourse floor was sold out and people were trying to find new additions for their collections. YN's really enjoyed the Coins for Kids table in the lobby. Inside the main entrance was a tribute in memory of both Murray Singer and Virginia Hall, and my thanks go to the people who did this and the person responsible for the lovely flowers.

Culminating two days of events on Sunday afternoon was the drawing for 32 gold coins (did you win?) After the dealers departed all of the show cases, lights and electrical cords and other items were trucked back and put in storage until they are needed again next year. I want to thank everybody involved in helping to make this show a wonderful event. All NASC members can be proud of our success, and I hope to see you there next year participating...and maybe even winning a gold coin!

Phil Iversen

Editor's Page

Here I am displaying my usual staid sobriety, for which I'm well known, during the GSCS Banquet. I'm the one on the left. Actually, quite a few folks attending the banquet were tapped on the shoulder by this young lady for a turn around the dance floor. Make your plans now for next year's banquet! Who knows what will be cooked up?

We have a terrific selection of articles for you to read this month.

Joel Anderson has an excellent educational article on Iraqi coins with a terrific overview of the history of this entire area.

Al Hall, the late Virginia Hall's husband, has sent in a couple of articles she had been holding onto for us, one of which I've run in this issue.

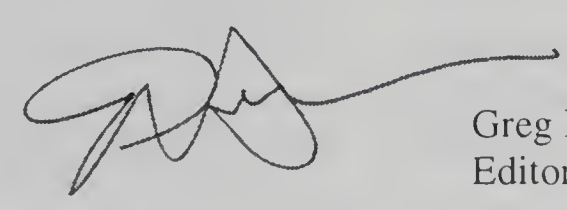
YN Jeff Swindling has a marvelous article I pulled from *Your Newsletter* put out by the American Numismatic Association. I wouldn't normally do a reprint, especially when I already have so much choice original material from our own membership, but Jeff had such an interestingly refreshing and passionate message I simply couldn't let the opportunity slip away. I strongly recommend you read it.

The Golden State Coin Show report is filled with photos and comments so that even if you weren't able to make it in person you can get a feeling of the fun we all had. And rounding it all out are the scribblings of our regular contributors, Kay Lenker, James Halperin, and the ever voluminous Tom Fitzgerald, as well as the normal reports of association business and other happenings.

Yep, I'm feeling like a lucky guy right about now, the issue has filled up and I'm looking forward to a little break so that I can do some further work on my other passion: the Lusitania medal. I'll tell you more about that some other time.

Hey, do your part to help me keep my job here and send something in for me to publish, okay? Not only will you make my life easier, but you'll pass along some of your knowledge for the benefit of your fellow collectors (always a good thing to share, right?). Plus you'll be eligible for some of the literary awards we'll generously dispense at the upcoming NASC Awards Convention in February (Frank & Dean's restaurant in Pasadena, just like this year). Go see the *Writing for The Quarterly* page to get the basics.

Till next time...



Greg Burns
Editor

Virginia May Hall Remembered

by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

Virginia May Hall was born in Wauseon, Ohio on April 2, 1921 and died in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 14, 2003. Al, her husband of 54 years, survives her. Thus was announced the passing of one of the truly great and much loved California and Nevada numismatists. But there is so much more to remember of her life than the above statistics.

Virginia was proud of her Cherokee Indian Heritage. She spent her early years playing her guitar, writing poems and cheering for the Detroit Tigers. After graduating from Chesterfield High School and Davis Business College, Virginia moved from the city of Morenci, Michigan to Toledo, Ohio in 1947 where she worked at the sales office of Boice-Crane Company. There she met Albert Hall who worked for the same company. They were married on April 16, 1949 and began a 54-year love affair

After husband Al returned from the Korean War, his company transferred them to Indiana. It was in Michigan

City, Indiana in 1959 that she was introduced to the world of numismatics where she became secretary and editor for the local coin club.

In 1965, Al and Virginia Hall moved to California settling in Colton. The Halls were very busy with husband Al attending San Bernardino Valley College while Virginia worked full time and managed a household. It wasn't until 1967 that Al and Virginia joined the California numismatic clubs.

She contributed to the hobby in so many ways. Although husband Al was the office-holder, serving in various capacities and eventually as President of the CSNA, the NASC and the CES, it was Virginia who was at his side as partner and helper. Al provided the leadership and Virginia took over editing and writing. She was so good that she was recognized for her work with many honors. She was editor of the *Coin Press*, the bulletin of her home club, the San Bernardino County Coin Club, for almost 20 years. This publication won so many awards that Virginia removed it from competition.

In 1975, President Bill Wisslead invited Virginia to become the editor of *Calcoin News*, the official journal of the California State Numismatic Association. She graciously accepted and the Summer-1975 edition of *Calcoin News* was her first as editor. And what a tour it was for Virginia as editor for the next 19 years! During this time, *Calcoin News* won seven ANA Awards as the best State Numismatic Publication. This fete has never been duplicated by any other state publication. Sadly, in 1993, due to a serious illness, Virginia was forced to resign and the Summer-1993 issue was to be her last *Calcoin News* as editor.

Virginia continued to offer her writing skills, penning many articles for the NASC *Quarterly*, the CSNA *Calcoin News* and the CES *Bulletin*. She, with husband Al, served on the CSNA Symposium Committee for many years. They were responsible for publishing the program. Although most people may not be aware, Al and Virginia Hall were editors with Barbara Burke, for Bryan Burke's book: *Nazi Counterfeiting of British Currency during World War II*. As Bryan was quite ill at the time, this book may not have been published without the help of Virginia and Al.

Virginia Hall loved cats, loved writing and collected eagles, music-horse carousels, Abe Lincoln memorabilia, and bells. She was recognized for her writing and exhibiting talents with many literary and exhibit awards. For her dedication and achievements, she was awarded the Medal of Merit from the California State Numismatic Association, and the Goodson Award by the Numismatic Association of Southern California. She was honored by the CSNA who named her "Editor Emeritus" and was named "Numismatic Ambassador" by Krause Publications.

For those of us that were blessed by her presence we say, "Thank you, Virginia." In her first column as editor for *Calcoin News* she wrote, "The roadways of the past are well laid out, and I pledge to follow them for the high standard and quality already set forth." She succeeded far beyond what anyone could have hoped for as she set the standard at an all-time high. Her legacy lives on in those who follow, who read her articles and, most of all, in the hearts of those who knew her.

What is a Slug?

by Virginia Hall

What is a slug? Well, it can be any number of things. Like a slow clumsy person; a type of snail or caterpillar. It can be a small piece of metal, great for ripping off automatic coin machines; or a swallow of the "hair of the dog...." or a well placed right to the head.

On the other hand, a slug can be a heavy round or octagonal piece of metal, gold in color and content, fashioned and minted by a treasury-appointed assayist, and more accurately and lovingly referred to as a Fifty Dollar Gold piece.

Although Augustus Humbert was an official United States Assayer of Gold, he was not given the legal go-ahead to mint coins. It is even likely that the dies for the first fifty dollar gold piece...probably engraved in New York by C. C. Wright...were not intended, by Humbert, to be used in the making of coins, but rather to be his stamp on ingots of gold issued bv Moffat & Co. The eight-sided pieces of 1851 and 1852 were never coined for general circulation, so his fifty dollar gold pieces, are, in a sense a simple private coinage.

During the wild and bawdy gold-rush days of 1849 and 1850, the scarcity of coins for general use brought out the private minters. California gold was bulky and one had a difficult time spending it. Bulk gold was frowned on in many government branches and export sales were made in silver, mainly because the Far East demanded it. Thus out of necessity came the demand for private minters. A standard price of $16.00 per ounce was set by the public and despite government rules forbidding it, they went ahead and obtained gold coins minted privately.

At first they anticipated they would need large size gold pieces, and had visions of mint denominations of $100 and $1000. But the bulk and weight of gold dictated otherwise, and only the fifty dollar gold pieces came into use.

The opening of the San Francisco Mint in 1854 eased the coin shortage, and though its influence was felt in a partial way, many of the private gold

pieces continued to circulate.

In 1855 Wass, Molitor & Co., and Kellogg & Co. issued two very interesting fifty dollar pieces. Both were round and the Kellogg piece today is practically a museum piece worth thousands of dollars.

It is doubtful if a complete set of fifty dollar pieces exists, for some of them are extreme rarities, and as such, almost priceless. So, as an investment they could never be termed "sluggish".

Which brings us back to "slugs"....a degrading description to say the least, when applied to these rare and beautiful gold pieces. Legend has it that a fifty dollar gold piece, carefully wrapped in a sock or handkerchief, made a pretty convincing weapon when wielded by hoodlums who waylaid unsuspecting miners by "slugging" them and relieving them of their earnings.

That's how the nickname "slug" became attached to the fifty Dollar Gold piece.

Compare the similar design of the U.S. Liberty Coronet gold dollar above with the Wass, Molitor $50 Slug below. To enhance the comparison the images are not to true scale.

A Tribute to Murray Singer

Murray Singer passed away on Friday, August 15, 2003. A service was held at Mount Sinai in Los Angeles on the following Wednesday. Many of Murray's numismatic friends were able to attend.

Murray G. Singer was the oldest of four sons born to Leo Jay and Ruth Singer on October 28, 1913 in the Bronx, New York. The Singer family moved to Chicago where he completed a business course at the Illinois Business College. In the fall of 1930, the family returned to New York and resided in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn. There he met and fell in love with a lovely young lady named Sadie. Soon, Murray proposed to "Syd" (he nicknamed her Sadie – Syd) and they were married May 21, 1935. They became life-long lovers and companions, celebrating their 68th anniversary this year.

Because of the depression that was gripping the country, the newlyweds traveled five days and nights aboard a Greyhound Bus to California, the golden land of opportunity. They resided in Los Angeles until Murray Singer died at home on August 15, 2003 surrounded by his entire family.

These are the statistics, dates and places of his birth, his schooling, his marriage and, after a wonderful life of 89 years, his death. But these are only numbers and some important events of his life; they do not describe his wonderful and dedicated life. Murray Singer was so much more than numbers and events.

Murray Singer—Husband, Father and Grandfather

Murray and Syd Singer were the proud parents of two daughters, Hillary and Mildred and grandparents of Brad Greenberg. The most important part of their life was their family. The Singers became deeply involved in their children's lives, taking them to museums, libraries, and other places of interest. Murray emphasized the "joy" of reading and practiced this belief by reading to the girls and taking them to the library. In fact, it was his love of learning and reading that led him to coin collecting. In December 1952, Murray bought a Lincoln Cent Album and a Red Book as a Christmas present for his twelve-year old daughter. As he helped her fill the holes, the coin-collecting bug bit him!

Murray Singer—The Numismatist

Within a few weeks after he purchased the Lincoln Cent Album and Red Book, he visited a coin dealer near his downtown office. The coin dealer advised Murray to get involved, join some numismatic organizations and do a lot of reading, particularly about coins and currency that interested him. It is no surprise, therefore, that he joined the American Numismatic Association in 1953 (he was awarded his 50 year

gold medal at the convention this year in Baltimore) and also joined the Los Angeles Coin Club, where he met and became fast friends with coin auctioneer George Bennett. In 1954, the Numismatic Association of Southern California was formed and he became one of its earliest members.

In 1986, many collectors believed there was a need for an Israel Coin Club dedicated to collecting Jewish coins, medals and currency. A group of interested collectors met and Murray Singer was appointed the Chairman of the Organizing Committee. He sent out the invitations to all interested collectors and, at the first meeting on July 11, 1986, Murray Singer became a Charter Member. Instead of a President, the executive board chose Murray Singer to be the Charter Executive Director.

In 1960, heeding the advice of this doctors, he retired from the stress of the "Ready-to-Wear" business and turned his attention to the business of numismatics. He became associated with a distributor of stamp and coin supplies while, at the same time, he formed a partnership with auctioneer George Bennett and over the next 22 years until the death of George, they produced 140 semi-annual auctions

In 1971, Murray Singer suffered a heart attack and after his recovery, he joined a large precious metal firm as a rare coin specialist in 1973. He retired from this company sixteen years later in 1989 at the age of 75.

Murray Singer Received Many Honors

Mr. Singer served as President of four coin clubs and was awarded Honorary Life Memberships in all four of these clubs. He was the Treasurer and Steering Committee Member of the ANA 1958 Los Angeles Convention hosted by the Los Angeles Coin Club. He was Assistant General Chairman of the 1975 ANA Los Angeles Convention hosted by the NASC and was Finance Chairman of the 1995 ANA Anaheim Convention hosted by the CSNA. Murray was a recipient of the ANA "Club Representative of the Year" in 1993, the ANA Century Club Award in 1991, and the ANA Dealer Booster Award in 1981. In 1990, Krause Publications recognized Murray Singer as a "Numismatic Ambassador." He received an ANA President's Award in 1998 and was the first recipient of the "Murray G. Singer Hobby Mentor of the Year Award" presented by the ANA. In addition, Murray G. Singer was awarded the Richard P. Goodson award by the NASC, the highest honor bestowed by that group. A "Speaker of the Year" award, presented annually by the NASC to a worthy candidate, is named after Mr. Singer.

Mr. Singer was an editor, researcher, cataloger, exhibitor, award-winning author and the mentor of a number of outstanding members of the numismatic hobby.

At the bottom of the "Remembrance" given to those attending his funeral, were the following words:

"Murray was, is and will always be loved by friends and family for his wit, his intelligence, his kindness, and the beauty of his spirit. He was a good man and he will be remembered."

And this writer adds simply "Amen."

—Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

2500 Years of Iraqi Coins

A numismatic glimpse of this once powerful and often violent area of the world

by Joel Anderson

Iraq lies at the center of the Fertile Crescent, a desert region watered by the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. With the advent of irrigation, starting around the 10th Millennium, the area began to develop into a rich and powerful civilization. The religion, politics, legal theories, literature, and technology of the area had a significant influence on neighboring regions, including both the Holy Land and ancient Greece. Even today, we still are influenced by the ancient Babylonian systems of mathematics. We still use the ancient Babylonian sexagesimal system to calculate time and angles. The use of 60 minutes to divide an hour, and two twelve hour periods to divide a day, can be traced to ancient Babylon.

Silver Siglos of the Ancient Persian Emprire 510 - 330BC

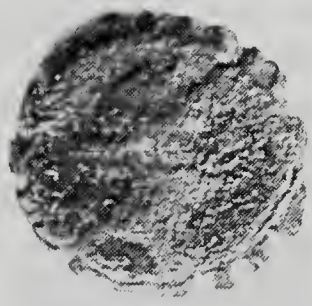
The ancient Persian Empire stretched through the Fertile Crescent, covering much of modern day Iran, Iraq and Turkey. During the reign of Darius I (510-486BC) the Persians began to strike their first coins. The most famous and widely used coin of ancient Persia was the silver Siglos The obverse of the coin pictures the king kneeling with a bow and carrying a spear or a dagger. The reverse of the coin simply consists of a crude incuse punch. The Siglos continued to be minted until the area was conquered by Alexander the Great in 330BC.

Alexander the Great 336 - 323 BC

As a youth, Alexander was taught by Aristotle. Upon the assassination of his father in 336BC, Alexander became the King of Macedonia at age 20. His army quickly conquered the Greek states and he then set off across Asia. With brilliant military and political tactics he soon conquered Egypt and the Persian Empire. He continued conquering all in his path. In 326BC he reached India. There his army, weary from the endless fighting, tropical rains and from

being away from home, mutinied, refusing to go any further. Alexander was forced to return to Susa, the capital of the former Persian Empire. He died three years later, after a prolonged banquet and drinking binge. Until his reign, Greek coins did not show mortals. But Alexander sought to proclaim himself as a God. On his coins Alexander portrayed himself as Hercules, dressed in a lion's skin. The reverse of this bronze coin shows a club and a bow in its case and a quiver

The Seleukids circa 323 - 141BC

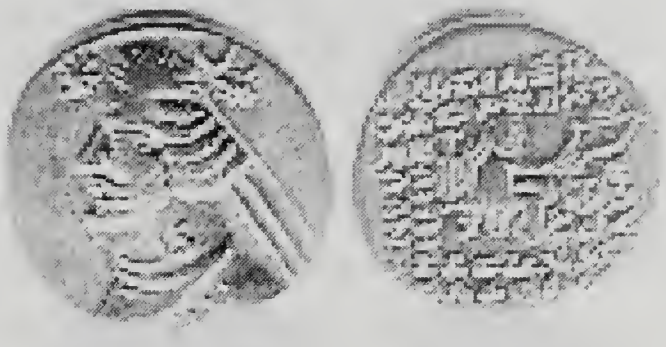


After the death of Alexander in 323BC the area of what is now Iraq suffered from the passage and plunder of various armies vying for control of the region. Finally, Seleucus, one of Alexander's Generals, established control over Babylon in 301BC, and created an Empire stretching from modern Afghanistan to the Mediterranean Sea. His successors controlled the region for the next 200 years.

Pictured is an AE 20 of the Seleukid King Demetrios I Soter, who ruled from 162 to 150BC. One side pictures the Greek God Artemis, the other side pictures a bow and quiver. The coin is distinctive due to its unusual "reeded" edge, that is rarely found on ancient coins

The Parthian Empire circa 141BC - 224AD

The Parthians were a minor local dynasty that declared themselves independent sometime in the middle of the second century BC. They gradually expanded their territory. By 141BC the Parthians had taken most of the Selukid territories, though it took another 25 years or so before they were able to gain more or less permanent control of the region that includes much of what is now Iraq and Iran. The Parthians were almost regularly engaged in civil wars over succession, and in wars with Rome over control of the Middle East.



This silver Parthian Drachm was issued by Orodes II, who ruled from 57 to 38BC. Orodes came to power after he helped his brother murder his father. He then executed his brother to become sole ruler. In 53BC Orodes handed Rome their first major military defeat since the Punic wars, costing Rome some 30,000 men. Orodes himself was murdered by one of his sons in 38BC. The king, along with the moon and two stars, is pictured on the front of the coin. The reverse features an archer.

A big, thick, debased silver Tetradrachm struck by Vologases VI, one of the last Parthian Emperors, who reigned from 208 to 228 AD. The coin was struck during the final collapse of the Parthian Empire. Vologases regularly fought with his brothers over control of the Empire, wars that were aided and abetted by Rome, who wanted to see

the collapse of their main rival in the East. Finally, between 224 and 228AD the Sasanians overthrew Vologases and his brothers, thus establishing the Sasanian Empire - and creating a new rival for Rome in the East. This coin was struck in the city of Seleucia, located about 25 miles southeast of Baghdad on the Tigris river in what is now Iraq. One side pictures the Emperor, the other shows the enthroned king receiving a diadem from Tyche.

The Sasanian Empire 224 - 651AD

In 224 AD the Sasanians conquered Parthia and created the Sasanian Empire in what is now Iraq and Iran.

Pictured is a silver Drachm of Hormizd IV is a large, thin coin. Hormizd ruled from 579 to 590 AD. Much of his reign was spent fighting against the Byzantine Empire and the Turks. He angered the Zoroastrian clergy by his tolerance towards the many Christians in his Empire, and angered the army after dismissing his general who was defeated by the Byzantines. An insurrection followed in which Hormizd was deposed and killed. One side of the coin pictures the king. The other side shows two priests in front at a fire alter, an allusion to the official state Zoroastrian religion. This coin is from the WYHC mint, which is short for "Veh-az-Andiyok-Khusraw", a long name for a city that translates as "Better than Antioch founded by Khusraw". It was located about 20 miles (32km) southeast of Baghdad. The area was virtually abandoned after the founding of Baghdad.

The Umayyad Caliphate 661- 750AD

In the seventh century, AD, a new religion, Islam, was founded in Arabia. Arab forces under the banner of Islam soon conquered what is now Iraq from the Sasanians. After that their forces spread out, conquering the rest of the Sasanian Empire as well as Afghanistan and North Africa. At its height the Umayyad (Omayyad) Caliphate spread from Spain and southern France to northern India. Though they initially copied the coins of the lands they conquered, the Umayyads soon established their own style of coins. This included a well made silver Dirham. The design has no pictures, but features professions of the Islamic faith. One side of the coin reads "There is no god except Allah alone. He has no partner." On the other side it reads "Allah is One, Allah is the Eternal. He begets not neither is He begotten".

This silver Dirham was minted in Wasit during the reign of Caliph Hisham. Wasit, a city established by the Umayyads as the capital for the eastern provinces, contained their principal eastern mint. The city was located in what is now Iraq between Basra and al-Kufa on the Tigris River. It was a great commercial center and famous for boat building - until the river shifted, leaving it stranded in the middle of the desert. Caliph Hisham was a competent and frugal administrator who reigned from 724 to 743 AD.

The Abbasids 749 - 945AD

When Iraq Was the World's Superpower:

With the support of many in Iraq, the Abbasids overthrew the Umayyads in 749AD. The Abbasids Caliphs built what is now Iraq into the richest and most powerful nation on earth at the time. These silver Dirhams coins are from three of the most famous Abbasid Caliphs. All three of these silver coins were struck in Baghdad. In keeping with tradition the coins bear professions of the Islamic faith and the name of the Caliph rather than portraits.

Silver Dirham of Al-Mansur 763-775AD

Caliph Al-Mansur spent the early years of his reign ruthlessly slaughtering any remaining Umayyad supporters - and even his own supporters who he thought might be a threat to his throne. He established a new capital for the Caliphate, in what was the village of Baghdad in 762AD.

Silver Dirham of Al-Mahdi 775-785AD

In 775AD al-Mahdi, the son of Al-Mansur became Caliph and the nation entered an unusual period of peace and prosperity. Baghdad grew into the richest and most powerful city in the world, attracting traders, artists and scholars from throughout the world. Ships from China, India and East Africa would line its wharves.

Silver Dirham of Harun Al-Rashid 786-809AD

In 786 al-Mahdi's son, Harun al-Rashid ascended to the throne upon the death of his father. The splendors of his court, along with his ventures into Baghdad while in disguise to root out evil and corruption, are told in the Tales of the Arabian Nights.

The Buwayhids and a Period of Decline 945-1258AD

The Abbasid Caliphate slowly collapsed due to internal strife and crop loss caused by the failure to maintain the irrigation system. Various groups broke away and established independence (though often paying nominal allegiance to the Caliph in Baghdad). Finally in 945AD Buwayhids, an Iranian dynasty, conquered Baghdad. The Abbasid Caliph was stripped of all temporal authority, leaving him with spiritual authority only. Iraq descended into a period of near anarchy. Though the Buwayhids were nominally in charge of much of the country, various Buwayhid princes regularly fought each other as well as others for control of parts of the country. Baghdad was devastated during this period. Sections of the city were virtually abandoned. Walls were erected within as brigands took control of parts of the city. Kidnapping and crime became rampant.

Pictured is a silver Dirham struck by the Buwayhid prince Izz al-Dawla between 968 and 971AD in Basra.

Mongol Control of Iraq
The Ilkhanid Dynasty
1258 - 1335

After over a decade of attempts, the Mongols finally conquered and sacked Baghdad in 1258AD. The last Abbasid Caliph, who had little more than spiritual authority, was killed, along with hundreds of thousands of Baghdad residents. The Mongols destroyed the dikes needed for the irrigation system used by the farmers that fed the huge city. The city did not recover its prosperity until the 20th Century. Baghdad became a provincial capital for the Ilkhanids, the Mongol dynasty that was based in Iran.

Pictured is a silver Double Dirham struck in Baghdad by the Ilkhan ruler Abu Said who reigned from 1315 to 1335AD. During his reign his Ilkhan kingdom underwent a financial and political collapse. Multiple rivals claimed the throne upon his death and the Ilkhans never again regained their power. This double Dirham (note how the value of the Dirham shrunk over the years), struck at the Baghdad mint is especially interesting as it is a bi-lingual coin, with Arabic script on one side and Mongol script on the other.

The Jalayrids 1335 - 1409

The Jalayrids were a Mongol tribe who migrated to Iran and Iraq under the Ilkhans. Its members achieved high administrative positions under the Ilkhans, so that after the collapse of Ilkhan rule following the death of Abu Said in 1335AD, the Jalayrids arose as an independent dynasty. They had their capital in Baghdad and controlled most of Iraq and western Iran.

This silver 2 Dinars was struck at the Baghdad mint during the reign of Sultan Ahmad who ruled from 1382 to 1409AD. During his reign Tamerlane besieged and sacked Baghdad three times, which lead to the further decline of the once great city. With the help of Kara Yusuf, chief of the Kara Koyunlu (Black Sheep Turkmen) he was able to regain control of Baghdad after the death of Tamerlane. The two had a falling out however. Kara Yusuf killed Sultan Ahmad in 1409AD, taking Baghdad for himself. The coin is quite crudely struck, as might be expected from a mint in a city repeatedly under siege. After the collapse of the Jalayrids there was only sporadic coinage from the Baghdad mint, most of which is quite scarce.

The Black Sheep Turkmen
1409 - 1469

The Kara Koyunlu (Qara Qoyunlu), known in English as the Black Sheep Turkmen or Turkoman, were a tribal confederation from what is now Turkey. Under the leadership of their chief, Kara Yusuf, they assisted the Jalayrid Sultan Ahmad to drive Taberlane and his followers out of Iraq. In 1409 Kara Yusuf killed Sultan Ahmad in a dispute and he took control of Iraq for himself. It was the first true Turkish Occupation of Iraq. This small and extremely crude

silver 1/3 Tanka was minted in Baghdad, Mosul and al-Hille by Kara Yusuf for use in Iraq.

The Ottoman Empire 1534 - 1914

The Ottoman Turks conquered Iraq in 1534. They continued to control the area for most of the next 500 years, until driven out by the British during World War I. Iraq was called Mesopotamia at the time. During much of this period Iraq used the standard coins of the Ottoman Empire, however there are a few issues of the Baghdad mint made for use exclusively in Iraq. One of these is this rare silver Dirham of Ottoman Sultan Mehmed IV from the Baghdad mint. The coin was struck to a standard used only in Mesopotamia. In 1648 Mehmed IV succeeded his mentally ill father to the throne at age six. For most of his life he was controlled by various factions of the court. He participated in unsuccessful military campaigns against Austria and Poland, though he was far more interested in hunting than war and the affairs of state. He was finally deposed in 1687AD.

To the left is an Ottoman silver Kurush of Abdul Hamid II, who reigned from 1874 to 1909. The coin was used through out the vast, though crumbling, Ottoman Empire, including Iraq.

The Hashimite Kings of Iraq 1921 - 1958

In an effort to liberate Iraq from its oppressive Ottoman rulers, British forces entered Basra in 1914 at the beginning of World War I. The plan was to march up the Tigras and Euphrates river valleys and quickly take Baghdad using their superior arms and the support of the oppressed Iraqi people. After a rapid initial advance, the British suffered a disastrous defeat at al-Kut, with over 10,000 soldiers killed or taken prisoner. The British finally took Baghdad in 1917. Despite their promise that they had come as liberators, they faced ongoing revolts and attacks. In 1921 the British crowned Faisal I as King of Iraq. He was a member of the Hashimite family that had previously ruled parts of Arabia. As had the earlier Umayyad and Abbasid rulers, the Hashimites traced their ancestry to The Prophet Mohammed. The British continued to be deeply involved in the development of the Iraqi nation and the establishment of national institutions. Iraq finally gained its full independence in 1932. King Faisal died the following year and his young and inexperienced son, Ghazi I advanced to the throne. Though material progress was being made, political instability continued with numerous attempted coups, assassinations and revolts. In 1939 Ghazi I died in an automobile accident, and his four year old son, Faisal II ascended to the throne.

1 Riyal of Faisal I 1932, 50 Fils of Ghazi 1938 and 4 Fils of Faisal II 1943

The Republic of Iraq 1958 - 1979

Despite economic progress, Iraq continued to suffer from political instability. Finally in 1958, the monarchy was overthrown in a bloody revolution. King Faisal II along with other members of the royal family were executed and the Republic of Iraq was established. Though the country was nominally a republic, it was controlled by various military and political factions through a series of coups and assassinations, rather than free elections.

Stainless steel 5 & 10 Fils, 1975, issued to commemorate the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Iraq Under Saddam Hussein 1979 - 2003

Saddam Hussein became President of the Republic of Iraq in July 1979. Numerous potential rivals were executed. In 1980 Iraq invaded Iran. The war quickly grew to a bloody stalemate. The United States and France supported Iraq during much of the conflict. The conflict was finally ended with a peace agreement in 1990. Though both sides suffered a huge loss of lives, the net result of the peace agreement was that the border was virtually the same as it was before the war began. Saddam then decided to take on a smaller and less heavily armed opponent. In August 1990 Iraqi forces invaded Kuwait and declared it part of Iraq. In early 1991 the United States and other Allied forces liberated Kuwait and marched into southern Iraq in what was known as the Gulf War. The operation destroyed most of Iraq's armed forces, severely damaged the infrastructure of major Iraqi cities, put the country under restrictive United Nations sanctions, but left Saddam Hussein in power. Saddam himself appeared on a few circulating commemorative coins of the early 1980's.

Pictured is the 1980 250 Fils commemorating the first anniversary of his Presidency. After the 1991 Gulf War coins gradually ceased to circulate due to diminished buying power. United Nations sanctions prevented new coins from being minted. Iraq's economy became dependent on paper money for most transactions. New notes were introduced after the1991 Gulf War picturing Saddam Hussein. Kurdish areas of Northern Iraq that were under United Nations protection however refused to accept the new Saddam note. They continued to use the older pre-gulf war type notes called "Swiss Dinars", named after where they were supposedly printed. After the overthrow of Saddam by U.S. forces, a new currency issue, replacing both the Sadam Dinars and Swiss Dinars is planned to be released. New coins will probably follow at a later date.

Joel Anderson started collecting coins while in third grade. In 1970, while still in High School he started to sell world coins by mail on a part-time basis. Joel graduated from the University of Santa Clara then got a Masters of Business Administration from the Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth College. After working in cost accounting and as a controller in Silicon Valley, he found himself on the wrong side of a "corporate reorganization". Deciding it was more fun to sell coins than to do real work he converted his part-time coin business into a full time business in 1989. Today the firm, based in Merced, California consists of Joel, his wife Lila, and their two cats, Pat and Tuck. Business is done by mail, internet and at selected coin shows throughout California. The firm has been selling coins on the World Wide Web since 1996 (www.joelscoins.com).

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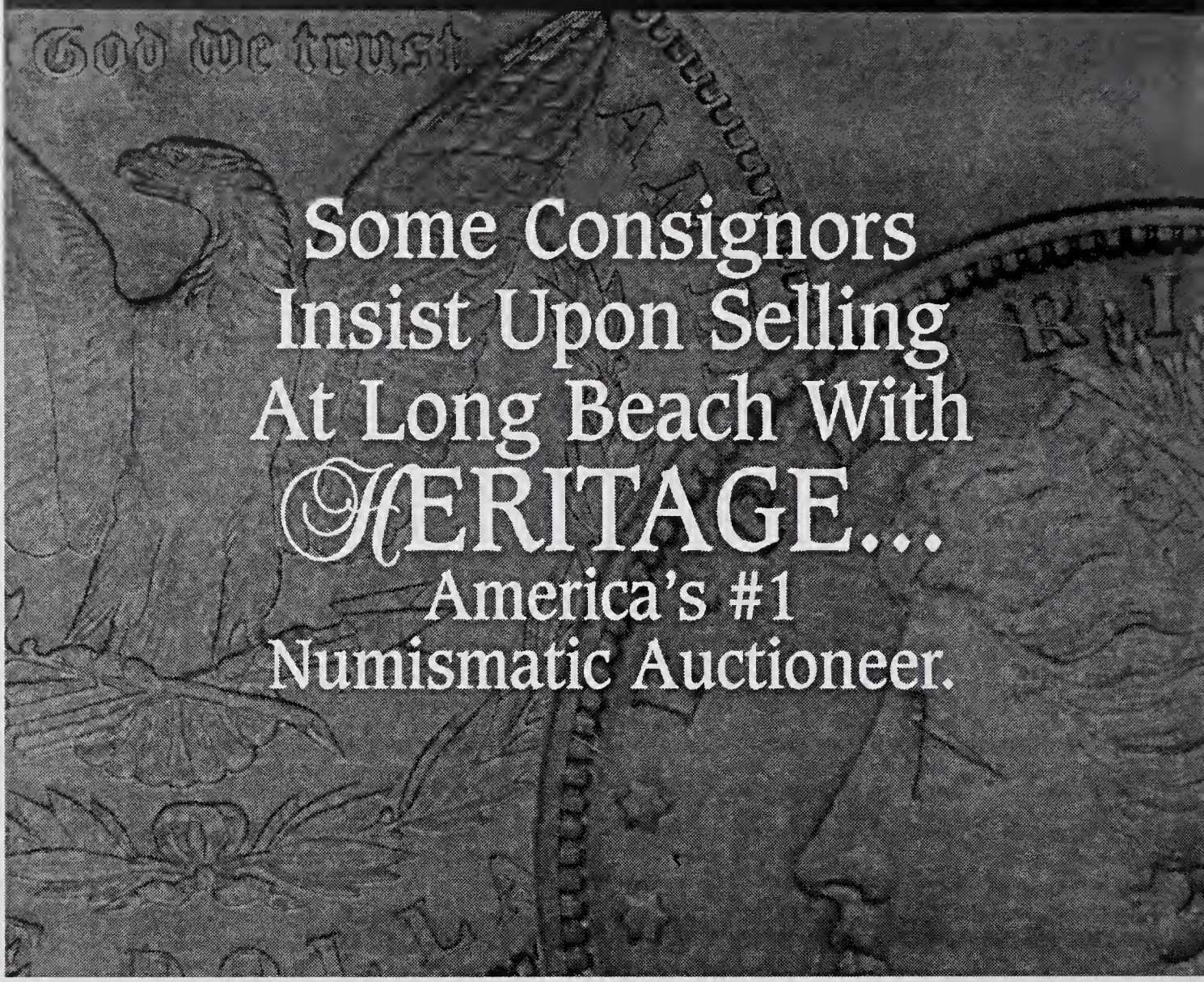

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Are Rarities Graded Differently?

by James Halperin

If you've ever seen me at a coin show, chances are good that I was sitting at my table looking through boxes of coins, one coin at a time. Naturally some coins take much longer to look at than others. My staff and I look at thousands of coins at every show, and we often consult on major, or even minor decisions. It's fairly rare that we spend less than $1 million at any show we attend. If you worked for me, would you tend to spend more time examining a coin priced at ten thousand dollars than one offered for sale at a hundred? Would you pay more attention to flaws that appeared on the more valuable coin? If you were about to spend ten thousand dollars, instead of a hundred, would you be more concerned about the coin's technical grade?

If you didn't answer yes to all of these questions, your job interview is over!

I've purchased at least a hundred million dollars worth of coins valued at ten thousand dollars or more, yet each of these purchase opportunities remains special and never routine.

In theory, all coins are graded using the same standards. In practice, I haven't found this to be the case. It's only reasonable to assume that when making major financial decisions most everyone becomes extra diligent and cautious. The rarities are more carefully inspected. The importance of imperfections, and the correctness of the technical grade become magnified by value.

That said, would it surprise you to learn that in many if not most cases, I believe that very rare coins are more liberally graded by third-party grading services than their less important counterparts are? This surprising irony stems from the fact that expensive coins tend to be submitted (and resubmitted) more often. A $25 grading fee is significant on a $200 coin, but meaningless for a $20,000 coin. When you think about it, it's completely logical.

Age can also influence the way coins are graded. The tendency is to forgive some imperfections that wouldn't be tolerated when examining more modern relatives. Method of manufacture is also taken into account. For example, due to older equipment and lower skill of the staff, the gold coins produced at the Charlotte and Dahlonega Mints were often weakly struck compared to same year issues from

Philadelphia, so such deficiencies are often discounted when grading and evaluating these coins.

Perhaps someday all coins will be graded by computers programmed with one universal standard. Until this happens, we should content ourselves with the current system and perhaps even revel in its charming idiosyncrasies.

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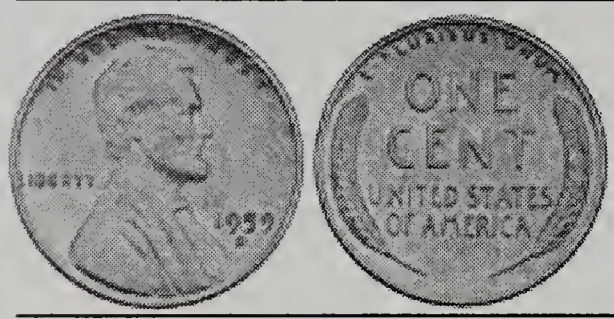

As a follow-up to Dr. Sol Taylor's article on the **1959D Wheat Back Cent** that was in the Fall 2002 issue of *The Quarterly*, he writes: *"The 1959D cent was sold a couple of months ago by G&G for $48,000 in LA..."*

Update on Club Websites

We've had a few clubs take a start on our offer of free websites for NASC member clubs (see last issue—page 30). So far the following have established a web presence. Go visit their sites and consider stopping by one of their meetings or otherwise making contact. If your club doesn't have a website then bring up the subject at your next meeting or board meeting.

Club	*URL*
Long Beach Coin Club	**lbcc.nasc.net**
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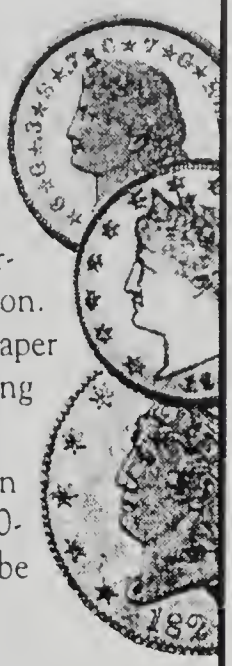

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How a True Passion for Numismatics Can Change Your Life

by Jeff Swindling

Editor's Note: the following article is a reprint of a refreshing item found in issue #88 of Your Newsletter, *a publication of the Education Department of the American Numismatic Association (ANA—www.money.org). The author, Jeff Swindling, is a YN who put down on paper (the electronic kind) his special perspective on enthusiasm in numismatics. You would do well to read it, regardless of your years. You can subscribe to* Your Newsletter *(I do) by sending an email with your request to: YourNewsletter@money.org. An archive of previous issues is also available at: www.money.org/ynnewsletter.html.*

You may not have heard this before, but having a true passion for numismatics can really change your life. Seriously! This has been especially true in my case, and I would like to share with you a few of the ways my existence has been improved by simply being passionate about my hobby.

Many of my friends think coin collecting is silly. "Why don't you just spend them?" is a question I often hear, along with "You paid HOW much for a PENNY??!?" and "You're weird-- why do you know so much about such useless stuff?" Hearing this kind of derision makes some people change their minds about numismatics. Peer pressure to be "cool" these days is often overwhelming, and, unfortunate as it is, coin collecting is not considered to be as cool as it once was. Many young people cannot take this kind of pressure, and lose interest in a great hobby as a result.

I, however, delight in proving mocking friends wrong. I tell them that coins relate to everything (which they do! try it some day in class-- I bet you can always find how coins relate to something.). An example I found recently is how coins relate to rap. Yes, rap! According to Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language, the second definition of a rap is "a counterfeit halfpenny formerly passed in Ireland." Another recent example comes from my 12th grade AP/IB English Literature class. One of our reading assignments was Kate Chopin's The Awakening, which takes place in 1890's New Orleans. The main character, Edna Pontellier, owns a house on Esplanade Street in downtown New Orleans. Guess what? The now-defunct New Orleans Mint was located

on Esplanade Street during that time period! Edna was practically next-door neighbors with the Mint! As you can see, there really are quite a few examples of how coins relate to everything.

Another way to change your life through numismatics is by starting a club at your school. A regularly scheduled coin club meeting can even win over a few of your friends to the hobby! You should showcase your knowledge and collections in a format that will show others how interesting and fun the hobby can be. Though your club may not be a hit overnight, stick with it-- you'll impress some people along the way if you do things right. There was only one teacher who was willing to sponsor my coin club at school. At first, he did so reluctantly-- sponsoring a club meant staying after school for an extra hour or so without pay and without seeing his wife or getting any work done. But after the first couple of meetings, the teacher was genuinely impressed with the presentations, and very surprised at how well-received and attentive the other students were to the information. Afterwards, he could not wait for the next meeting date to come around, often rescheduling other appointments so he could attend the meeting.

So far though, I have not really told you what has made my experience with numismatics so different. There are probably a few of you reading this who have already done things like start your own clubs or try to get friends to become coin collectors. The real prizes I have received from my passion for numismatics have come after high school.

Last year, the University of Florida started a new scholarship, the John V. Lombardi Scholarship. It is named after one of the former presidents of the University, and is currently the highest award and honor granted by the University, totaling more than $75,000 over four years. Recipients are selected on a basis of leadership, service and academic record. Each high school in the state of Florida may nominate one student for the award. The University then selects 17 students out of the field of 176 applicants for a day of interviews and tours at the school. From there, 8 students are chosen to receive the prestigious award.

The one thing on my application which impressed the interviewers the most was my passion for numismatics. A couple of months after the Lombardi Scholars had been selected, I was told by the head of the Honors Division at the University, "The competition this year was extremely tough. It was really hard choosing only 8 students to represent the school, but you were a given. Your passion for numismatics really set you apart from the field. Congratulations, Jeff."

There is a downside to the Lombardi Scholarship, however. Since I have accepted the award (it would be crazy not to!), it means I could not attend the ANA's annual Summer Seminar this year in Colorado Springs. However, I was in Merida, Mexico with the seven other Lombardi Scholars, studying anthropology and Spanish at the University of the Yucatan for six weeks. I thought of Colorado Springs, and I missed being there this year. Especially since I was sweating my head off in 100 degree weather instead of basking in the cool, dry climate at Colorado College. But I still had to drink tons of bottled water!

Another surprise this year came from the U.S. Government. Every year, the U.S. Department of Education chooses 2600 graduating high school seniors to apply for the Presidential

Scholars Program. This award is purported to be the highest honor which the government can bestow on a graduating senior. A student cannot simply apply for the award-- he or she has to be specially invited by the Commission on Presidential Scholars. The 2600 selected students must fill out applications, which are read by the Commission. From the 2600, only 500 are chosen as semifinalists, which is reduced further to 120 finalists who will receive the award. The application consists of many essays, a few of which can be written on numismatics. Again, my passion for the hobby helped me advance to semifinalist status. Being named as one of the top 20 students in the state of Florida was incredible! Unfortunately, I was only selected as a semifinalist and not a finalist, but the message was the same again. A passion for numismatics placed my application ahead of many others.

What I have to say to you is this: stick with numismatics. Do everything you can for your local club, the ANA, and any other clubs you may belong to. Volunteer to help out with shows, meetings and other events. Write articles for Your Newsletter, your local club newsletter and nationally recognized magazines such as Coin World or Numismatic News. The real winnings you receive from your participation in the hobby are not financial--rather, they are less concrete ideals. Fun, enjoyment, camaraderie and knowledge are the highlights of numismatics. I cannot even begin to tell you how many friends I have made, how much I have learned, nor how many hours of amusement I have gained just from "playing around with coins."

Trust me when I say this-- colleges, universities and scholarship providers are looking for well-rounded individuals who have a deep passion for something in their lives. The leadership, expertise and service you can provide for the hobby will not go un-rewarded. I am not simply blowing my own horn by writing this article, I am trying to illustrate everything I have said here today with cold hard facts which everyone can understand. Your participation in our hobby can really make a difference in your life and the lives of many other people. Do everything you can with the hobby-- go to shows, club meetings and conventions. Take advantage of special offerings such as the ANA's Summer Seminar. The Seminar is probably the best possible way to educate yourself, make new friends and just plain have fun. Embrace numismatics, and do everything you can to your full potential. You'll thank yourself for it one day in the future.

Winning a Special Merit award in the ANAs Outstanding Club Publications contest was the *E-Sylum*, an electronic publication of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society (NBS) formed for collectors of numismatic literature. This interesting weekly email is available for free. Simply visit the society's website and sign up. More information available at: www.coinbooks.org.

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Golden State Coin Show and Awards Banquet Report

From left: Mary Beedon, Virginia Bourke, and Gary Beedon welcome attendees at the opening of the GSCS.

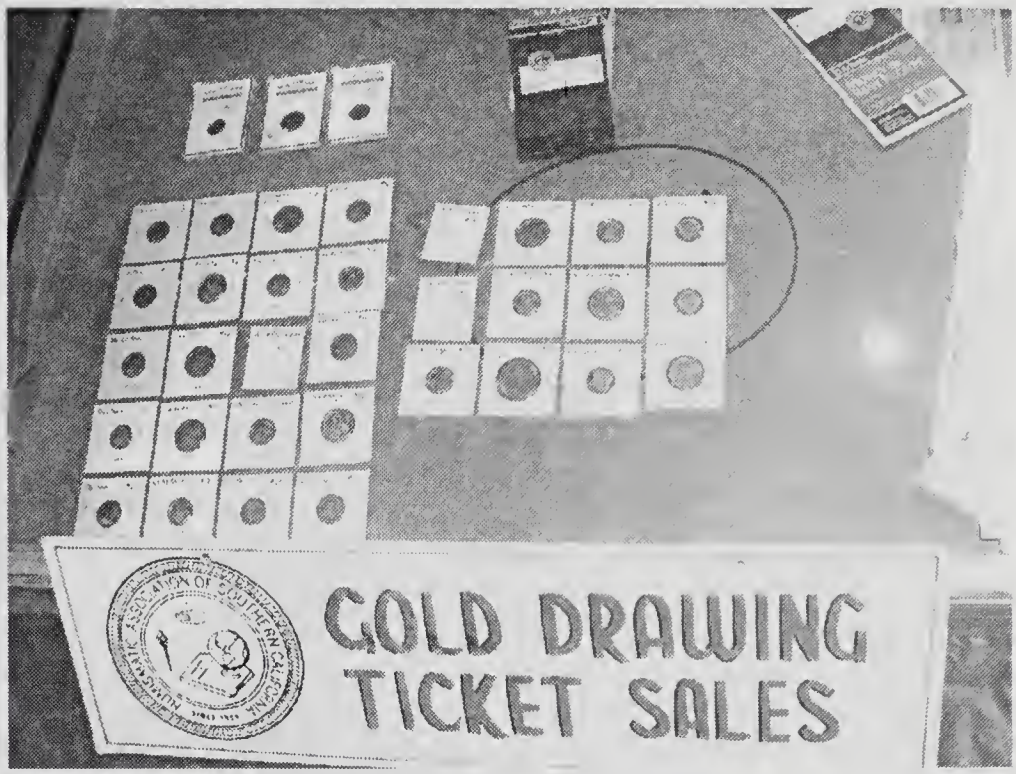
The Golden State Coin Snow was a success, if by success you mean plenty of coins, fascinating exhibits, educational activities for a constantly swirling gaggle of kids, and a delicious Hawaiian-themed banquet attended by warm friendly folks.

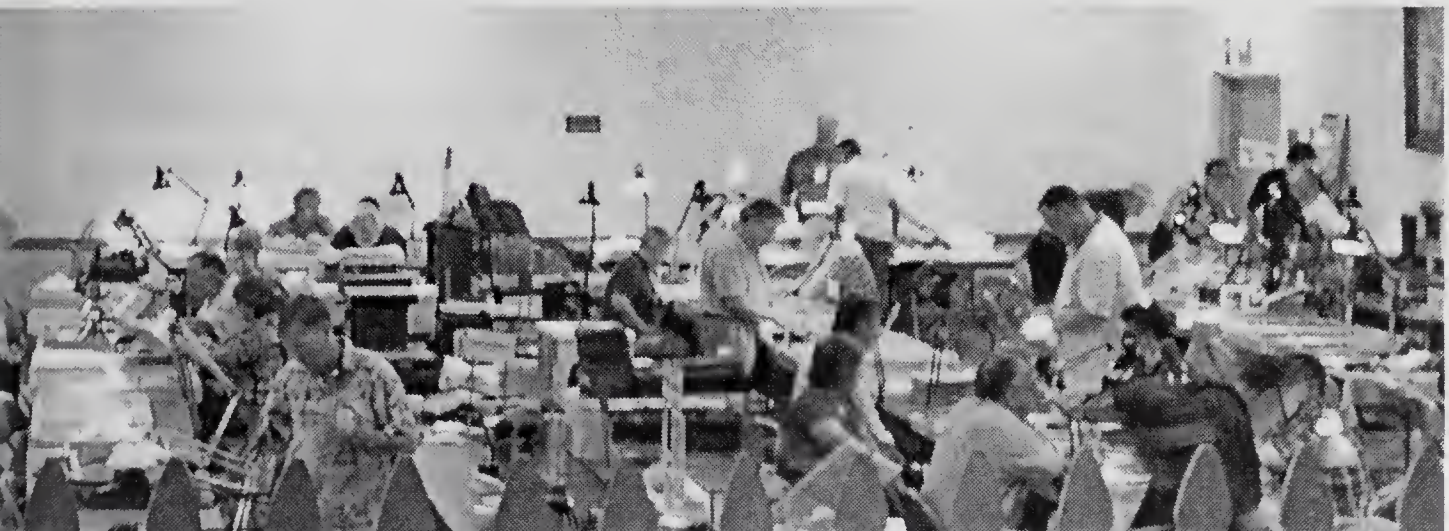
The following pages show some of the sociable faces we saw and the fun activities we all enjoyed. If you weren't able to make it to the show and banquet you have my pity. Just remember, it's not to early to start planning for next year's shindig. The next GSCS is scheduled for August 28-29, with the Banquet on Saturday night. Better get your calendar out now and start reserving those days.

Bourse Chairman Gary Beedon reported a sell-out of the tables to dealers. In fact, Ga

Right: Roy Iwata, Chairman of the Gold Benefit Drawing, sits patiently waiting until he could start drawing tickets and awarding the little golden goodies out to deserving ticket buyers. See following pages for a report on who won what.

Right: Here's the herd of gold coins Roy Iwata was keeping track of until the new owners were determined. Thirty-two of these lustrous beauties went out to the lucky folks whose tickets were drawn. See page 39 for the details.



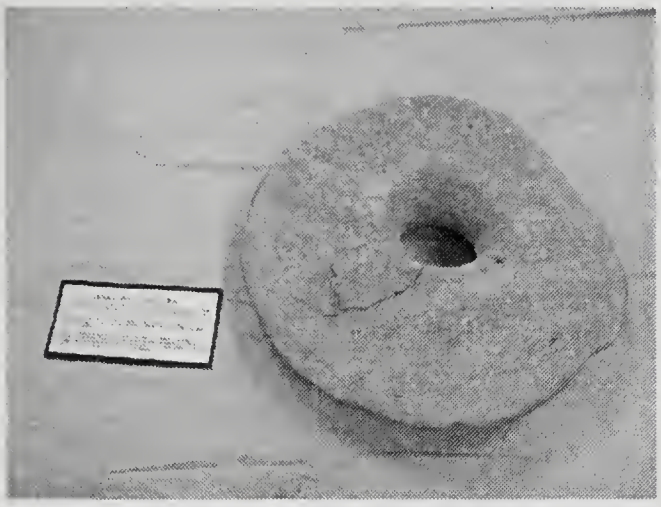


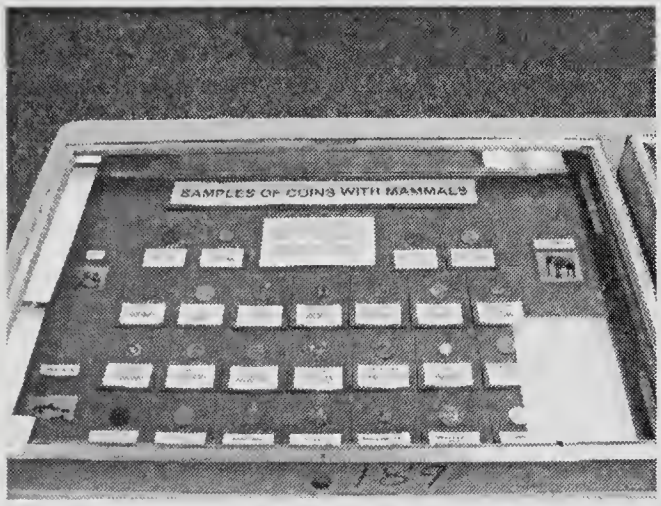
s somehow able to squeeze in one more dealer who walked in on Saturday!

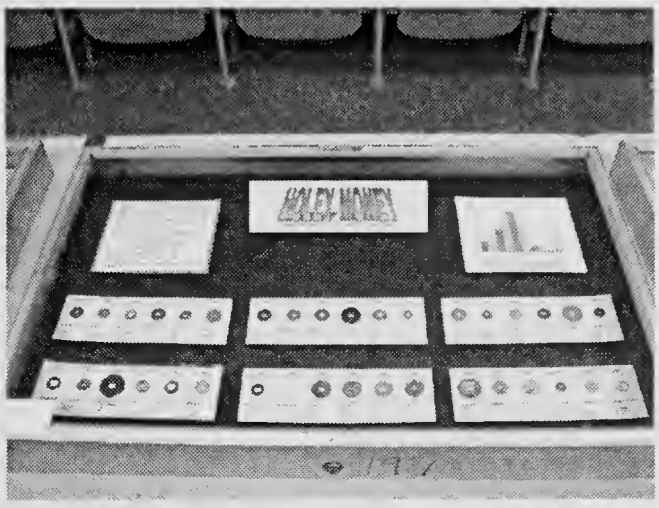
Above: Nancee Nichols works the "Coins for Kids" table (husband David was somewhere else at the moment). This popular repeat of last year's successful event enticed an endless stream of kids to get their introduction to our fascinating and enriching hobby.

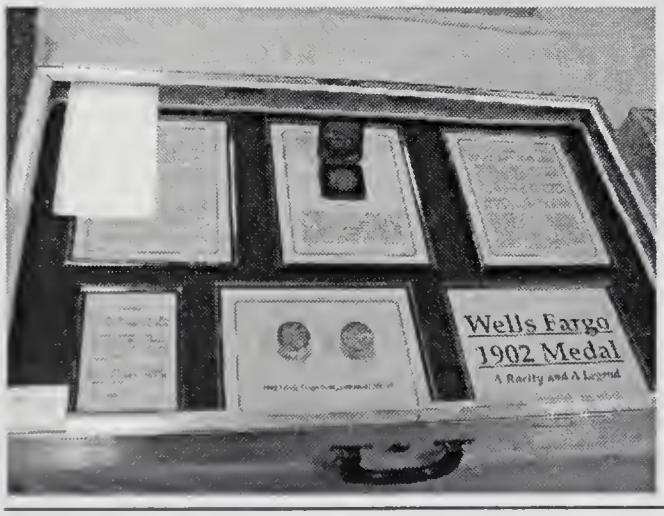
Right: this young man seems to be taking a restful break from his arduous task of searching through a huge pile of Lincoln cents for interesting pieces to add to his collection.

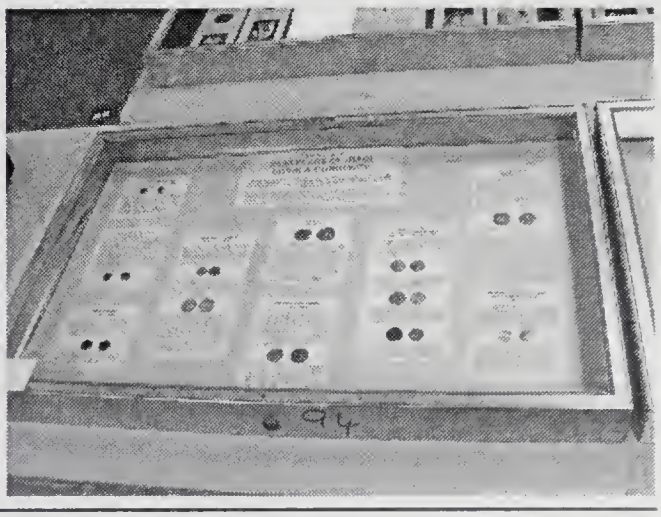
Below: what would a coin show be without educational exhibits? After all, exhibiting is the pinnacle of collecting: sharing with others the knowledge you've acquired from studying and researching coins and other numismatic articles and the people who designed and used them. See page the following pages for a listing of the winners in the various categories. In fact, why not start putting together an exhibit of your own for our next convention? There was an article with helpful hints in the last issue of The Quarterly, *and the American Numismatic Association's website (www.money.org) also has information that would be useful. Whether you win an award or not, you certainly come out of the experience richer than when you go in. Give it a try!*











Above: Master of Ceremonies Jim Hunt kept the ball moving throughout the evening.

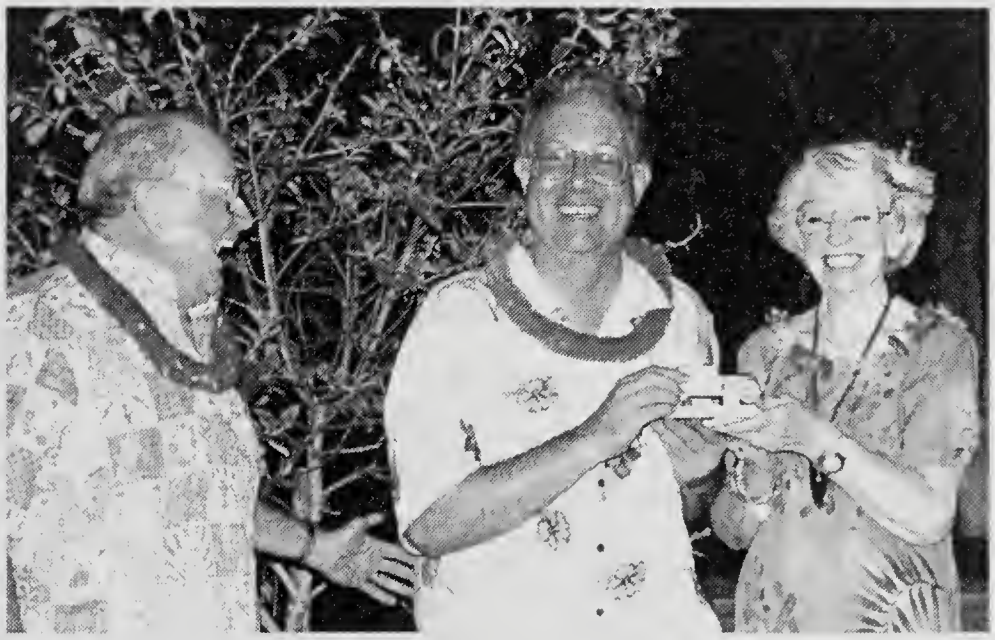
Above Left: Don and Terry Foster coordinated the Awards portion of the evening and show off the table of awards.

Left: looks like a table full of CSNA and NASC luminaries. There were six tables with friendly faces like these.

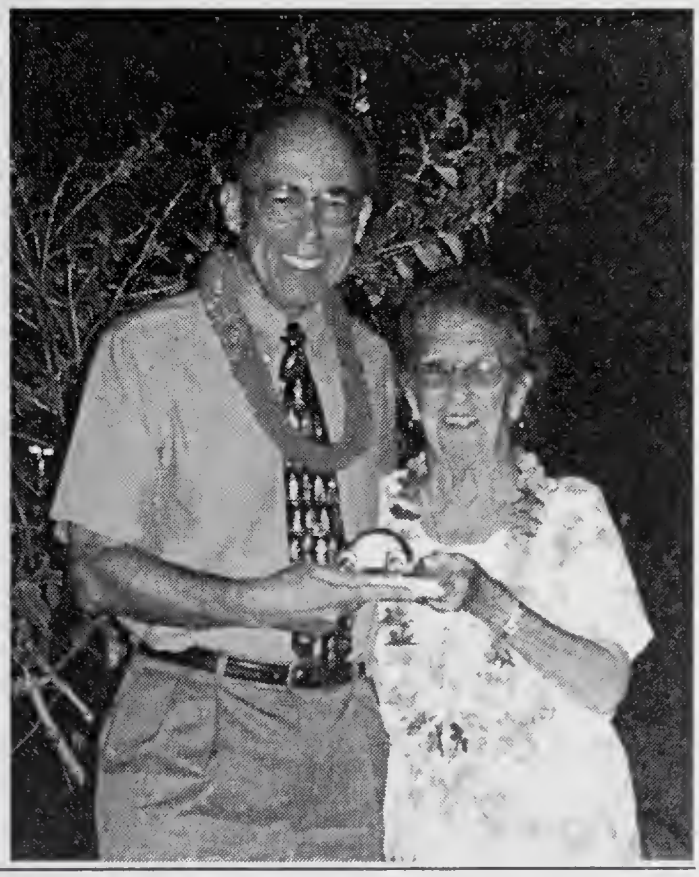
Bottom Left: Joel Anderson was giving hula lessons and this young lady just happened to show up in the right costume. Joel's frenzied gyrations were the hit of the evening!

Right: Mary and Gary Beedon present Roy Iwata with his first place award in the category of U.S. Commemorative Coins for his exhibit on the 1893 Isabella Quarter Dollar.

Right: Tom and Mo Fitzgerald present Joel Anderson with his second place award in the category of Ancient and Medieval for his exhibit on the A Selection of 2500 Years of Iraqi Coins and Currency.



Right: Kay Lenker presents Jim Wells with his first place award in the category of Modern Foreign (1500 to Date) for his exhibit on English Royal Portraits. Jim also won the Baber Best-of-Show award for this exhibit.



Left: Tom Fitzgerald presents Greg Burns with the ANAs second place award for Best Regional Publication (NASC Quarterly). Keep your fingers crossed for our publication next year!

Left: Phil Iversen presents Leonora Donald with a certificate of appreciation thanking her for her dedicated service and announcing her newly conferred status as Historian Emeritus for the NASC.

Left: Lee Kuntz presents the Golden State Coin Show General Chair Kay Lenker with an off-metal set of the convention's medals in appreciation for all of her hard work in making the GSCS such a success.

Right: Joyce Kuntz presents Kevin Akin with an special set of the CSNA Convention medal he designed portraying Lewis and Clark. The CSNA's southern convention is held in conjunction with the Golden State Coin Show.

Right: I can name 'em all, but darned if I can remember why we took this picture; standing from left: Iversen, Fitzgerald, Kuntz, Steamer, Harley, Beedon, Grant, Yahalom, and Turrini. Seated from left: Moore, Lenker, Donald, Philips, Yahalom, and Kuntz.

Right: a collection of award winners. Top row from left: Phil Iversen, Tom Fitzgerald, and Jim Wells. Bottom row from left: Roy Iwata, Kay Lenker, Virginia Bourke, and Stan Turrini.

Golden State Coin Show Exhibit Awards

U.S. Coins—Ron Miller Memorial Award ..... 3rd P. **Helena P. Desens**
Sponsor: David Lange
Lincoln and His Common Cents

U.S. Commemorative Coins ..... 1st P. **Roy Iwata**
Sponsors: Gary and Mary Beedon
1893 Isabella Quarter Dollar

Ancient and Medieval ..... 1st P. **Larry Tapper**
Sponsors: Tom and Mo Fitzgerald
Denarii of the Antonine Dynasty of Rome
2nd P. **Joel Anderson**
A Selection of 2500 Years of Iraqi Coins & Currency

Modern Foreign (1500 to date) ..... 1st P. **Jim Wells**
Sponsor: John Lenker Memorial—Kay Lenker
English Royal Portraits
2nd P. **Larry Tapper**
Russian Wire Money Kopecks
3rd P. **Michael E. Ontko**
A Selected Type Set of the Coins of Louis XV of France Illustrating an Experiment in Decimal

Currency ..... 1st P. **Bill Nash**
Sponsor: Don Thrall Memorial
U.S. Fractional Currency
2nd P. **Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald**
The Note That Never Was

Gold (U.S. and Foreign) ..... 1st P. **Larry Trapper**
Sponsors: Jim and Ellen Hunt
The Laurels of James
2nd P. **Michael E. Ontko**
Some Inexpensive Gold Coins of the World

Medals ..... 1st P. **Michael S. Turrini**
Sponsors: Joyce and G. Lee Kuntz
Wells Fargo 1902 Medal
2nd P. **Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald**
Memories of 9-11
3rd P. **Phil Iversen**
Running with Olympic Spirit

Young Numismatists ..... No exhibitors
Sponsors: Galaxie Design—Nona and George Moore

Miscellaneous ..... 1st P. **Virginia Bourke**
Sponsor: Harold Katzman
Silver coins—Christopher Columbus
2nd P. **Kay Edgerton Lenker**
A Visit to Yap

Non-Competitive ..... **NASC**
Yap Stone Money

Best of Exonumia ..... **Virginia Bourke**
Sponsor: CES
Silver Coins—Christopher Columbus

Best of Show ..... **Larry Tapper**
Sponsor: CSNA Baber Award
The Laurels of James

People's Choice ..... **Bill Nash**
Sponsor: Murray Singer
U.S. Fractional Currency

NASC Gold Benefit Drawing Winners

Reported by Roy Iwata

No.	*Coin*	*Winner*	*Club*
1	2-1/2 Pesos	Heather	Covina Coin Club
2	Dos Pesos	Wayne Morris	Downey Numismatists
3	Swiss 20 Fr	Roger Burry	Ancient Coin Club
4	2-1/2 Pesos	Robert F. Fritsch	Heartland Coin Club
5	2-1/2 Pesos	Tony Micciche	FUN
6	US $10 Eagle	Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald	Covina Coin Club
7	Dos Pesos	Bob Smythe	Tustin Coin Club
8	US $5 Eagle	Nona G. Moore	FUN
9	2-1/2 Pesos	Mike Fill	FUN
10	Swiss 20 Fr	Roy Iwata	Santa Ana Coin Club
11	US $2.5 Indian	Verdugo Hills Coin Club*	
12	2-1/2 Pesos	Jeanne LeFevre	Verdugo Hills Coin Club
13	Dos Pesos	Polly Bower	Hemet Numismatists
14	Swiss 20 Fr	Foster Signs	Upland Coin Club
15	2-1/2 Pesos	Stan Turrini	NCNA
16	US $10 Eagle	Charles E. Morrissey III	Downey Numismatists
17	2-1/2 Pesos	Al Hoogeveen	Downey Numismatists
18	US $5 Eagle	Foster Signs	Upland Coin Club
19	Dos Pesos	Marcy F.	Covina Coin Club
20	2-1/2 Pesos	Harold Katzman	Upland Coin Club
21	US $5 Liberty	CES	
22	Swiss 20 Fr	Covina Coin Club*	
23	US $5 Eagle	Ken Arnold	Long Beach Coin Club
24	2-1/2 Pesos	Tony Mazzola	FUN
25	US $2-1/2 Indian	Janet R. Reeves	FUN
26	US $5 Eagle	Hemet Numismatists*	
27	US $10 Eagle	Dorothy Baber	Heartland Coin Club
28	2-1/2 Pesos	Lance Dohe	San Diego Numismatic Society
29	US $5 Eagle	CES	
30	1882 US $10	Dean Ruby	Ancient Coin Club
31	Dos Pesos	Long Beach Coin Club*	
32	Swiss 20 Fr	Harold Katzman	Upland Coin Club

* Club won on bonus ticket.

Fontana United Numismatists (FUN) members won 5 coins and was the first in raffle ticket sales. Upland and Covina Coin Clubs won 4 coins each and were second and third in raffle ticket sales, respectively.

Going's On

by Greg Burns

My, but we've had a lot of hubbub and activity since my last report. The "Going's On" have been quite entertaining, I can tell you!

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend the most recent board meeting, which was held on the Sunday of the Golden State Coin Show (8/24/03). Believe me, it wasn't for lack of desire or anything, it just turned out that it came during the only time my better half and I could get away for vacation this year. And I know which direction my long-term happiness lies! However, I was able to infiltrate my minions into the meeting to secretly record the mysterious happenings of the many folks we elected to the positions of responsibility on the executive board, and I'll use their scribblings to summarize for you all the important stuff.

Starting off, Corresponding Secretary Walter Ostromecki reported that there were 480 members, including 322 sustaining (a class of life member), 16 life (past Presidents), and 32 clubs.

Key Lenker distributed the Treasurer's Report showing the piles of cash, gold and jewels that we've put aside. Roy Iwata said that as of that morning the gold drawing had pulled in around $1,100 and we would likely fall a little short of covering our expenses for the gold and the printing of the tickets. Ahhh, it's good for the clubs, puts gold in peoples' hands, so I guess we'll keep doing it regardless.

Tom Fitzgerald happily reported that there were still no grievances.

Our Medals and Bars Chair, Harold Katzman, brought up the possibility of dropping the medals program. It seems the membership may not be exactly snapping these things up.

Thelma Katzman has taken up the challenge of chairing the Young Numismatists activity. Thelma described some of the recent happenings and passed along that a writer from an Orange County publication for teens was looking for information on our hobby. Hmmm, maybe we'll get some coverage in the broader press! Way to go, Thelma.

The ad hoc (that's a Latin term meaning "made up for a specific need"—kinda goofy, huh?) committee dealing with the excess number of display cases owned by NASC discussed the results of their confabulating (I'm full of 'em aren't I?). See the results they came up with on the top of page 29.

Tom Fitzgerald spoke about the senate bill promoting a commemorative coin to support the establishment of a museum at the old San Francisco Mint. See more details of his appeal on page 56, and please take some action to help out with this effort. Really. Go do it now. Go!

You may have heard that Mr. Activity, otherwise known as Wilfred Gamble, has been ill recently which has slowed him down some in his travels. One of the effects of this is that he won't be able to man the NASC table at the Long Beach expo this year as he usually does. There was quite a bit of

discussion about who would do what, and when, and I hope it all works out because that show is so strongly attended it would be a shame not to have our member clubs personally represented. Phil Iversen, Mary Yahalom, Al Hoogeveen and others volunteered to take shifts. We miss Wilfred.

Probably the most controversial item for the meeting was a topic that many of the board members had already heard about: the merging of *The Quarterly* and *Calcoin News*, the publications of NASC and CSNA (California State Numismatic Association) respectively.

Lee Kuntz passed around packets of information on the proposal with information on cost savings to both organizations, possible titles, and other tidbits. Each organization would save roughly $1,500 (three grand between the two).

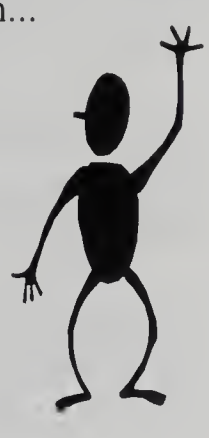
There was lots of talk about various aspects of doing this: maintaining a sense of association identity, the effect on membership numbers, the number and types of articles that might be run, impact on our advertisers, editorship, and on and on. During the course of the discussion several altered motions were proposed and either set aside or didn't meet the cut when it came to a vote. Finally, the motion was clarified and passed by a narrow margin. The board also named three impartial folks to represent NASC in guiding the implementation of this effort: Gary Beedon (a past editor), Mark Watson (board member and editor of *The GlenCoin News*), and Don Foster (NASC Vice President).

Since I'm currently the editor of both publications and they're both printed at and mailed from the same place (Printing Resources in Upland, CA), the logistics are at least partially solved already. However, there will likely be some creaking and groaning as old customs join together and the needs of both memberships find their place in the new journal. Bear with me. It will be worth it.

Some of the things *The Quarterly* readers can look forward to is more pages and articles on interesting things to read from your fellow collectors, and expanded coverage of the overall numismatic scene in California. Plus, while I don't want you to think I've been holding out on you (really I haven't) since I'll then have only one journal to do instead of two I can focus my attention a bit more and do a better job as editor. I'm looking forward to it. By the way, the tentative title is *The California Numismatist*. I like it. I'm guessing that the first issue will be the one that comes out in April of next year. That means that there will be one more issue of *The Quarterly* in your hands before you see the new combined journal. Exciting stuff, huh?

The board set the next meeting to be held at the same place (Arcadia Masonic Center at 50 W. Duarte Road in Arcadia) on November 16, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. You can see all of the exciting things that happen at these events. Why not drop by the next one and get it all first-hand? See you then...

—Editor Greg



Club News

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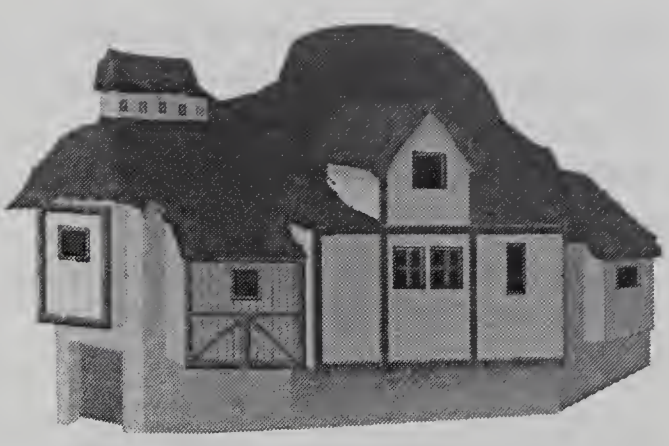

WHITTIER COIN CLUB May meeting was a picnic at Parnell Park. **Sally Marx** gave a talk SCRIPT CURRENCY OF THE ISRAELI KIBBUTZ in June. **Ken Baumheckel** reported on the new Ancient Coin Club forming in Orange County. Six interested people agreed to meet on the second Saturday of each month at 6pm at one of the founding members business at 17321 Eastman St. Irvine. July meeting was a slide show on CANADIAN COLONIAL COINS AND TOKENS. Another video in August was about private struck gold coins in frontier areas of the United States in the 19th century **Phil Chang** obtained a copy of the video ROMANCE OF PIONEER COINS by **Don Kagin**.

UPLAND COIN CLUB May's speaker was **Harold Katzman** who gave a slide presentation on COLUMBIA, THE GEM OF THE SPACE OCEAN. June was OTHER HOBBY NIGHT. **Gary Beedon** spoke on TURKEY in July. The club's birthday was celebrated in August and **Martin Miller** was the speaker (the topic was not announced in their bulletin).

TUSTINE COIN CLUB Roy Iwata spoke on ENGRAVED LOVE TOKENS in May. No meeting was held on July 4. **Mark Baskin** gave his talk on the BUFFALO NICKEL in August. **Bob Smythe** talked about RUSSIA in June.

SANTA ANA COIN CLUB Roy Iwata spoke on USS MINITOR at the June meeting. In July **Mike Ontko** discusses THE COINS OF THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO 1821-1905.

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY July meeting was a picnic in the park with VP **Ken Spindler** bringing delicious homemade chili. **Ken** won Best in Show at the Del Mar Fair with EIGHT ASPECTS OF THE SEVEN SEAS following the theme of Commotion in the Ocean. **Kay Lenker** took a third place with SHELL MONEY. In July **Dave Jones** shared his knowledge of JAPAN. August theme was ANDREW JACKSON and the new $20 bill. The **Al Baber family** was honored at ANA with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB in April heard **Angus Bruce** speak on wartime propaganda document. **Norm Sturgess'** topic in May was NUMISMATIC TRIBUTARIES covering areas not in the main stream of numismatics. **Kevin Akin's** spoke on European tokens and medals and gave all those in

attendance several examples at the meeting in June. In July **Don Lannon** discussed COLONIAL CURRENCY WITH HISTORICAL INTEREST.

OCEANSIDE-CARLSBAD COIN CLUB is continuing to grow. Our monthly meetings now attract 40-50 members. August speaker will display high grade standing Liberty quarters. September 13 we will have our semi-annual coin show at the Elks Lodge from 10am to 5 pm. The October meeting will feature a 150-lot auction.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN COIN CLUB Walt and **Maxine** presented a program in June on their 26-day trip to Italy. In May **Walt Wegner** talked on COINS OF THE OLD WEST. In July **Barry Stuppler**, a member of the California commission on the design for the California quarter brought us up to date on that as well as happenings at the American Numismatic Association. August meeting was SHOW AND TELL.

LONG BEACH COIN CLUB had exhibits at the recent Long Beach Show. 1st place went to **Mark Baskin** for SELECTED NOTES OF 3rd ISSUE OF FRACTIONAL CURRENCY. 2nd place to **Mark Baskin** for US FRACTIONAL VARIETIES of 2nd ISSUE FIBER PAPER. 3rd place to **Mike Ontko** for A PARTIAL TYPE SET OF THE GOLD COINS OF THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO. People's Choice was awarded to **Emmaul Coster** for A POINT OF INTEREST IN NUMISMATICS. In June **Mike Baskin** spoke on BUFFALO NICKELS. A WHITE ELEPHANT SALE was held in July. The program for August was BOURSE NIGHT. A membership drive is underway with the winner bringing in the most new members by the close of 2003 being awarded a $5 U.S. Gold piece.

HEMET NUMISMATISTS held a picnic in Gibble Park in May. The club had the dogs and condiments and members signed up to bring other goodies. In June **Kay Lenker** presented a talk with slides on THE SILVER DOLLAR STORY. July celebrated the club's 30th birthday with a luncheon catered by Skip's. The 1926 Chile 20 peso gold won by the club was auctioned to the highest bidder.

GREATER ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB May meeting President **Gary Beedon** presented a program entitled A TOUCH OF TURKEY. He had many slides in his presentation of modern Turkish currency and key historical places. Secretary **Mark Baskin** gave a program on Buffalo Nickels in June. July was BOURSE NIGHT with tables available at modest fees. August meeting was a WHITE ELEPHANT SALE. Members brought up to 5 items to donate.

GLENDALE COIN CLUB had Show-n-tell for June. In July **Phil Iversen** gave a talk on COIN WORLD—THE FIRST YEAR. New officers were installed with **Sandy Mazel** as president; 1st VP **Mark Watson**; 2ndVP **Denise Ballard**; Treas.-**Joe Purnell**; Asst Treas.-**Denise Ballard**; Secy-**Mary Purnell**; Asst.Secy-**Denise Ballard** and Editor - **Mark Watson**. There was a white elephant auction in August.

FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS **Don McCue**, curator of the Lincoln Shrine spoke on the recent changes to the Shrine in Redlands. In June **Norm Sturgess** gave a talk on NUMISMATIC TRIBUTARIES. July's program was OTHER HOBBIES. August meeting was the semi-annual super auction with 100 lots. Meeting night has been changed to second Tuesday now that Redlands Club is not meeting.

COVINA COIN CLUB heard **Bill Nash** speak on NICKELS OF THE UNITED STATES and COINS THAT HAVE NICKEL IN THEM. Coin-O-Rama was a big success with **Bill Nash** taking best of show with FRACTIONAL CURRENCY, second place to **Helen Desens** for NUMISMATIC COLLECTIBLES and third to **Heather Cuizon** for SILVER STRIKES. At the May meeting **Bill Nash** showed a video THE STORY OF MONEY. **Tom Fitzgerald** spoke in June on FRACTIONAL CURRENCY. July program involved all of the members where they traded, swapped, bought -and sold coins with each other.

CHULA VISTA COIN CLUB enjoyed a great pot luck at the August meeting. Future plans call for a Donation auction in November and an installation dinner in January. December meeting will have members bringing finger foods to share. There will be a drawing for Christmas presents. Each member will have one ticket plus one ticket in the pot for each meeting attended. Members are limited to one Christmas gift from the CVCC.

CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY will meet at the Golden State Coin Show. Speaker will be **Bill Nash** on CIVIL WAR TOKENS. At the CSNA Northern California Educational Symposium on October 4 in San Francisco **Ruth Phillips** will speak on CALIFORNIA'S TAGUS RANCH TOKENS.

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB Program for June was SALUTING THE EAGLE IN U.S. NUMISMATICS. The bulletin for June listed the Curse of the State Quarters. We all know about the Old Man of the Mountain crashing down but many other strange things have happened in other states. July celebrated with PATRIOTIC NUMISMATICS. Members were urged to bring bicentennial quarters, $2 bills and other related items. Topic for August was SHIPS ON COINS.

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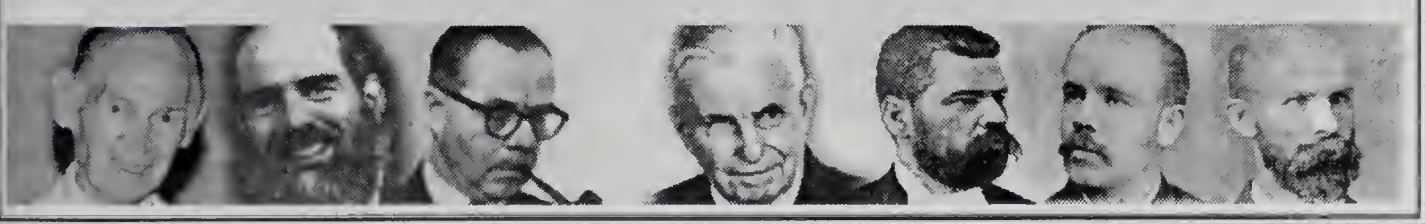

Baltimore ANA Report

Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

NASC Quarterly Editor Greg Burns Wins Honor

Each year the ANA recognizes outstanding local club, regional and state numismatic publications with appropriate awards. This year, we were proud and pleased that the NASC Quarterly was selected for such an honor. Greg Burns was recognized for his superb work as editor. His NASC Quarterly was awarded SECOND PLACE in the year 2003 "Outstanding Regional Publication" Category by the ANA.

The competition included the journals of all regional organizations that are members of the ANA. To be selected as one of the very best is indeed an outstanding achievement. A certificate was presented at the Representative breakfast and awards program in Baltimore.

Fifth 1913 Nickel was the "Talk" of the Show

The headline in "Coin World" was just one word: "FOUND!" ANA Executive Director Christopher Ciopoletti announced at the show's opening ceremony on Wednesday, July 30th, that all five known 1913 Liberty-Head Nickels would be on display. This was startling news! Just last May, Bowers and Merena Galleries had offered $1,000,000 if someone produced the missing 1913-nickel. The nickel had been missing since owner George Walton was killed in an automobile accident in 1962, forty-one years ago. Strangely, Stacks, the New York rare coin firm, examined the coin in his estate and declared the nickel had an altered date. His relatives, who inherited the coin, marked the envelope that the date had been altered and it sat in a closet for the next forty-one years.

As the four known specimens were to be displayed at this year's ANA Summer Convention in Baltimore, members of the Walton family brought their envelope to the convention on Tuesday, July 29th. It was thoroughly inspected and authenticated and joined the other four specimens on display. The word soon

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spread. Now there was a long line of collectors leading into the exhibit hall to view these coins valued at over $8 million.

The coin market in Baltimore was very positive and as the media picked up the news of the missing fifth nickel, the crowds increased. More than 13,000 people came to the Baltimore Convention Center and the coin business was brisk.

California Collectors Were Busy at the Convention

The Al Baber Family, all of whom have served the hobby and the ANA for so many years, received the prestigious "Life Time Achievement Award." The ANA also recognized CSNA Past President Dorothy Baber as the "top Recruiter" of the year. Other Californians were very active in Baltimore. Joyce and NASC Past-President Lee Kuntz performed their usual great jobs as Hospitality Chairman and Assistant to the Controller. From Northern California, Gordon Donnell volunteered to host a table announcing the plans for a Gold Rush Money Museum at the Granite Lady, the 2nd San Francisco Mint. See the article in this publication regarding the project and the help we need from you.

Michael Turrini was presented the "Terry Armstrong Memorial Award" as the outstanding regional coordinator. Mike Stanley did his usual efficient job at the Message Center. NASC members Gary Beedon, Jim Hunt, Kay Lenker and Tom Fitzgerald served as exhibit judges. NASC Treasurer Kay Lenker received the Smedley Award as she completed her term of office as ANA Governor. Murray Singer, who was unable to attend, received his 50-year membership gold pin this year.

At the Gala Banquet on Saturday evening, the newly elected officers were introduced. Ed. Rochette installed Gary E. Lewis, President, William H. Horton Jr., Vice President and Governors M. Remy Bourne, Arthur M. Fitts III, Allan Herbert, Donald H. Kagin, Will Rossman, Barry Stuppler and John W. Wilson.

Sheets of the new twenty-dollar bill that will probably be placed into circulation in October of this year were on display at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Exhibition.

Future ANA Shows

The next ANA Show will be the early spring meeting in Portland, Oregon in April 2004. The next anniversary convention is scheduled for Pittsburgh in August 2004 and the 2005 anniversary convention is planned for San Jose, California.

The Historical Quarterly...

Forty Years Ago

- An M. Jensen wrote a four-page article on the 1913 Liberty nickels. In it he passes along the additional story of a buffalo nickel that was struck on a copper planchet, displayed with the five 1913 Liberty nickels in a customer display case, and then later under the ownership of Eric Newman. You never hear about this one; I wonder what happened to it?
- Confrontation with the issue of counterfeits, replicas and restrikes was at an all time high (remember, this was just before the passage of the 1967 Hobby Protection Act). The NASC took a strong stance prohibiting these from NASC shows and exhibits, and called for the telltale marking of such pieces well before the 1967 legal requirement.
- Of the forty-six attendees at the June 30, 1963 NASC Board Meeting, the only two names I recognize as still being associated with our fine group are Leonora Donald (our Historian Emeritus) and Albertus Hoogeveen (our Recording Secretary). Talk about staying power! Way to go, you two!
- Display and bourse cases for exhibiting sure seemed cheap. I see that the NASC Board approved a motion for famous member Richard Goodson to go purchase 100 cases at a cost of $9 each. We needed these additional cases to accommodate the then upcoming convention's planned use of 243 cases!

If you encourage a YN (to submit an article)... I can pretty much guarantee an award at the February shindig...

Thirty Years Ago

- An uncirculated 1932 D Washington Quarter was retailing for about $500. The same piece today in MS-63 retails for $1,700. Looking for a bit higher grade? How about an MS-65 for $14,000?
- *The Quarterly* sold for the posted annual rate of $3.00 with an average of about 36 pages per issue.
- Our own Dr. Sol Taylor was the Tour Leader for the Chapman College group which went on an educational tour of India, visiting such places as the Taj Mahal, Red Fort, and the Indian Mint. Dr. Taylor also allotted time and resources to visit dealers in coins and antiquities. Cost for the trip? A ticket for one, including round trip airfare, ground transportation in India, hotels, and most meals, was $995. Hmmm, book me for two.
- Who knows what the "Z" in our then President's name, Gordon Z. Greene, stood for? This is a three pointer if you got it right! Then editor, Peggy Borgolte, passed along that the mysterious initial stood for..."Zorro". Hey, you heard it here, folks.

Twenty Years Ago

- *The Quarterly* had jumped to an annual subscription rate of $7.00 with an average page count per issue of 44.
- Junior Activities Coordinator for the NASC, Steve Davis, reminded us that Brian Kotof of the Downey Numismatists and Whittier Coin Club was the first to ever with the newly established (1982) Junior Literary Award. Hmmm, I haven't seen an original YN-written article published since I came on board. Any idea when the last one was? If you encourage a YN to get one to me by the next issue I can pretty much guarantee an award at the February shindig...
- Member Norman Shultz wrote a short bio for us, and told how after a modest introduction to coins via plowing a two-cent piece up on the family farm, he finally decided to start a modest business and took out an ad in *Popular Mechanics*. Remember that magazine? Well, get this, he took that ad out in 1916! AND kept it going for 60 years.

- I see that member Austin Ryer, Jr., wrote a book review column for *The Quarterly*. Guess what I'm thinking?

Ten Years Ago

- *The Quarterly* was editor-less, and down to an extremely emaciated 20 pages. Regular members received their copies for the annual dues of $10.00.
- I see that *Numismatic News* ran an ad on the inside front cover of *The Quarterly* that featured an endorsement by a Robert, Foppiano of Missouri. Hey, whatever happened to him? He still owes me $25. Let me know if you see him.
- Here's some nostalgia from http://infoplease.com/year/1993.html:
    - US Agents blamed in Waco, TX debacle with Branch Davidian religious cult.
    - First bombing of the World Trade Center
    - My man, Clint Eastwood, takes Best Picture Oscar for *Unforgiven*.
    - Mosaic, the precursor to today's internet browsers, is created by Marc Andreeson at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications.
    - Don Ameche, Federico Fellini, Frank Zappa, Arthur Ashe, Dizzy Gillespie, Audrey Hepburn, and Cesar Chavez all passed away.
    - First class postage was only twenty-nine cents.

Directory of Member Clubs

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Ancient Coin Club of Los Angeles (ACCLA)—Meets 2nd Sunday, 1:30 p.m., Balboa Mission Town Hall shopping center (between barber shop & beauty supply), 16916 San Fernando Mission Blvd., Granada Hills; Mailing Address: Ralph Marx, P.O. Box 227, Canoga Park, CA 91305.

Bay Cities Coin Club (BCCC)—Meets 2nd Saturday, 1:00 p.m., Santa Monica Public Library, 17th Street and Montana Ave.., Santa Monica; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 943, Santa Monica, CA 90406.

California Exonumist Society (CES)—Meets quarterly at Golden State Coin Show, CSNA Conventions and at an all-day show in June or July; Mailing Address: Kay Edgerton Lenker, P.O. Box 6909, San Diego, CA 92166.

California State Numismatic Association (CSNA)—Meets twice a year during CSNA conventions at various locations; Mailing Address: Dennis Halladay, 20567 Nathan Dr., Riverside, CA 92508.

Covina Coin Club (CCC)—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Covina Park Recreation Hall, 340 Valencia, Covina; Mailing Address: Helen Desens, 282 W. Bygrove St., Covina, CA 91722.

Culver City Coin Club (CCCC)—Meets 2nd Thursday, 8:00 p.m., Veteran's Memorial Building, Urupan Room, Culver and Overland, Culver City; Mailing Address: Steve Demmer, P.O. Box 813, Culver City, CA 90232.

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Full Step Nickel Club (FSNC)—Call for local meeting dates and locations; (818) 841-2959; Mailing Address: Darrell Crane, President, P.O. Box 10909, Burbank, CA 91510.

Fontana United Numismatists (FUN)—Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 9260 Mango Ave. (& Randall), Fontana; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 71, Fontana, CA 92334.

Glendale Coin Club (GCC)—Meets 2nd Friday, 7:30 p.m., CitiBank, 2350 Honolulu Blvd., Glendale; Mailing Address: Greg Burns, 327 Delaware Road, Burbank, CA 91504; email: gburns@adelphia.net.net

Greater Orange County Coin Club (GOCCC)—Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center, Fairview Room, 1845 Park, Costa Mesa; Mailing Address: Gary Beedon, P.O. Box 2335, Huntington Beach, CA 92647; email: Beedon@earthlink.net.

Heartland Coin Club (HCC)—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Bostonia Park Recreation Building, 1049 Bostonia St., El Cajon; Mailing Address: Dorothy Baber, 611 Oakwood Way, El Cajon, CA 91945; email: Dotbaber@aol.com

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Israel Numismatic Society/Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles (INS/ICCLA)—Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Westside Jewish Community Center—Founders Room, 5870 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles; Mailing Address: 6266 Drexel Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90048.

Leisure World Coin Club (LWCC)—Meets 2nd Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., Clubhouse No. 3, Room 2, Seal Beach Leisure World; Mailing Address: Austin Overholtz, 1331 Pelham Road, #67A, Seal Beach, CA 90740.

Long Beach Coin Club (LBCC)—Meets 1st Monday, 7:00 p.m., Millikan High School Cafeteria, 2800 Snowden Ave., Long Beach; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 8101, Long Beach, CA 90808.

Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA)—Meets in annual convention each July, presently in Concord, CA, Mailing Address: Michael Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590.

Northop-Grumman Coin Club (NGCC—formerly Litton CC)—Meets 2nd Friday, 7:30 p.m., 5500 Canoga Avenue, Building 30, APD Engineering Conference Room, Woodland Hills; Mailing Address: Walt Wegner, Box 521, Woodland Hills, CA 91365; email: wlwegner@msn.com

Oceanside/Carlsbad Coin Club—Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Oceanside Elks Lodge, 444 Country Club Lane, Oceanside; Mailing Address: Bill Eblen, 1772 Caliban Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024.

Sacramento Valley Coin Club (SVCC)—Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 5026 Don Julio Blvd., North Highlands; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 160122, Sacramento, CA 95816.

San Bernardino County Coin Club (SBCCC)—Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. (except November which is lst Thursday), San Bernardino County Museum, Fisk Auditorium (1-10 & California Street to Museum), 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2745, San Bernardino, CA 92406.

San Diego Numismatic Society (SDNS)—Meets 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., North Park Adult Center, 2719 Howard St., San Diego; Mailing address: Hunt, 1183 Niles Ave., Chula Vista, CA 91911-3720.

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Santa Barbara Coin Club (SBCC)—Meets 4th Monday of even months (except December), 7:30 p.m., Page Youth Center, 4540 Hollister Avenue, Room 5, Santa Barbara; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6205, Santa Barbara, CA 93160.

Society of International Numismatists (SIN)—Meets 2nd Saturday, 1:00 p.m., Santa Monica Public Library, 17th Street and Montana Ave., Santa Monica; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 943, Santa Monica, CA 90406.

Tustin Coin Club (TCC)—Meets 1st Friday, 7:30 p.m., Tustin Senior Center, 200 South "C" Street, Tustin; Mailing Address: Bob Smythe, 22441 Forest Hill, Lake Forest, CA 92630-3219.

Upland Coin Club (UCC)—Meets 3rd Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Magnolia Recreation Center, 651 W. 15th Street, Upland; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1306, Garden Grove, CA 92842-1306.

Verdugo Hills Coin Club (VHCC)—Meets 2nd Monday, 7:15 p.m., CitiBank, 2350 Honolulu Ave., Montrose; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 26, Tujunga, CA 91043.

West Valley Coin Club (WVCC)—Meets 4th Sunday, 1:00 p.m., Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Senior Citizen Center, 5040 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks; Mailing Address: Walter Ostromecki, P.O. Box 4159, Panorama City, CA 91412.

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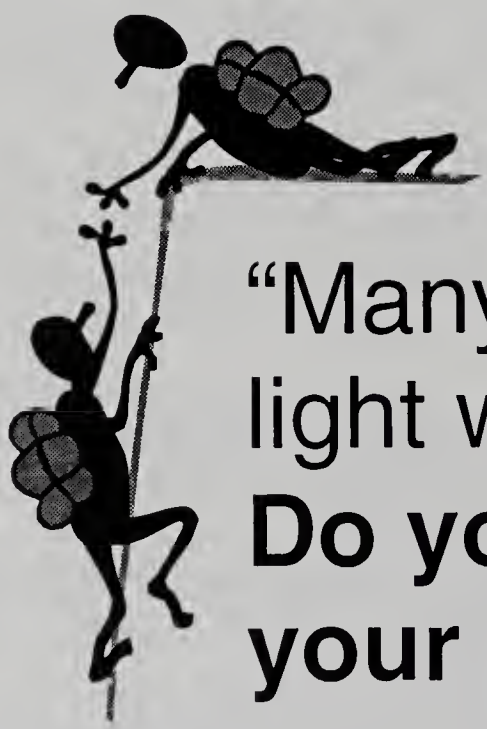

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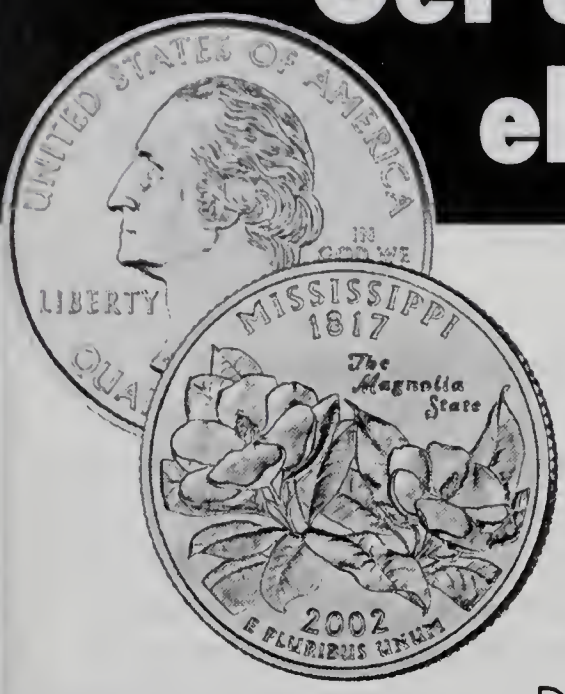

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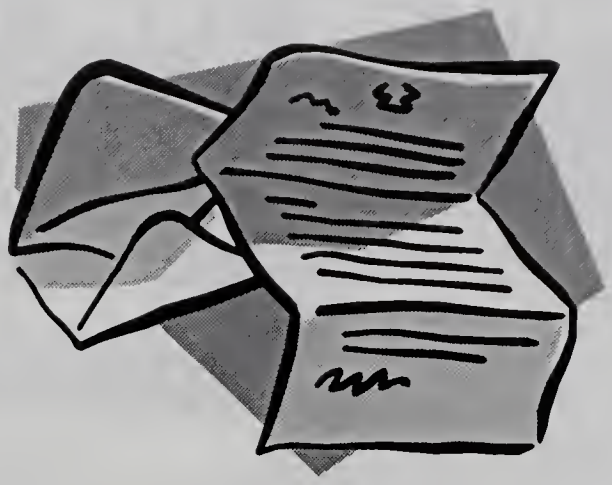

From the Website Guestbook

I enjoyed looking at your great web site.

—Gary Lewis
ANA President

Halperin Article Comments

Greg, several things:

1. Thanks for the extra copy of the NASCQ. My love token article came out nicely. Thanks to you.

2. There was a tradition back when the list of former presidents of NASC was to appear in each issue. That tradition broke off about 10-15 years ago. Guess it was too many editorial changes. Since you have all the back issues of the Quarterly you can construct a list and fill space as needed with all the names from 1958-date.

3. My response to Jim Halperin's article on the end of coins and currency: It may come to pass that coins and currency will fall into history—but certainly not this century or even the next. The electronic age will overtake industrialized urban areas and plastic tabs, cards, or even chips will handle trades of all sorts from phone calls to parking meters to toll roads to retail stores to paying all bills. However, since it is very unlikely that the Third World and the rural areas of the world will shift into cyber mode that easily. Rural peoples typically deal in barter and currency exchange. Coins are token coinage now and real tokens (such as subway tokens and telephone tokens) replace coins now in some areas. Credit cards, debit cards, and electronic transfers facilitate much of the modern world's financial exchanges--but some OPEC nations such as Saudi Arabia still insist on petrodollars shipped weekly in brand new $100 bills. Their distrust for electronic transfer and other exchanges runs deep in the mideast and other countries outside the G-7. Jim's assertion that the end of coins and currency is only a few decades away is hyperbole. At the rate we have now, coins and currency will still be a major part of the world's and our own monetary system for at least another century--and probably a lot more. Despite the vast increase in electronic monetary volume in the past few decades, coin and currency production worldwide has not slowed down even a little. In some countries, the public distrust of government virtually forces a cash and carry economy without a paper trail for the federales to track and tax (or take away). The idea of a cashless electronic society in Colombia, India, Pakistan, Egypt, Brazil, Kenya, Nigeria and dozens of other countries is unthinkable.

—Dr. Sol Taylor
Past President, NASC

You're welcome for the extra copy (something I do for all authors by the way). I'll use the idea for the listing if I find myself with space needing to be filled. Glad to hear your thoughts on

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Jim's article too; you have a lot of good points. Now if I only had a crystal ball…

Greg

NASC Origins

Greg,

This is Fred Reed, Editor of SPMC's magazine PAPER MONEY. I'm working on a numismatic calendar. On what date (M/D/Y) was your organization formed / organized / or incorporated? I need a precise date. Thanks,

—Fred Reed

Hi Fred,

V. 1, No. 1 (dated July 1959) of the NASC Quarterly states: "On the cover of our history record book in gold lettering is the imprint 'N.A.S.C. -- Founded 1954'. Each page is beautifully hand embellished with the title of the subject matter, almost like ancient illuminated lettering. Page one begins at the beginning, 'Minutes of the First Meeting'. It is dated July 31, 1955, Hayward Hotel, Los Angeles, and it is signed by the organization's first secretary, Harold. F. Donald."

The inference is that the organizing activities had been coordinated starting in 1954, and that the first official meeting was in 1955. The constitution and by-laws were adopted on November 28, 1955. The first convention was held February 17-19, 1956.

Hope this helps, Fred. I'll "CC" some others who may wish to comment further.

Regards,

Greg

Correction

In our last issue I printed a letter from R. Keith Whittington who was interested in trading coins with our members. I neglected to print his email address so people could get in touch with him though (a fact that a Mr. Stephan Seekins kindly brought to my attention). Oops! (blush)… here it is:

kwhitt0577@rogers.com

Send your NASC related thoughts, comments, arguments, ramblings, whatever, in to me either by speedy email (gburns@adelphia.net) or by the slower postal kind:

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Granite Lady Update

By Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

After years of negotiating and long-awaited decisions by both the Federal Government and the City of San Francisco, an agreement has been reached with the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society to refurbish, open and operate the "Granite Lady" in the City.

The proposed project includes the development of a "State-of-the-Art" Museum of San Francisco History and a companion Museum of the History of Coins and Paper Money including the Gold Rush. The space reserved for this money museum is 12,500 square feet on the first floor of the building.

Urgent!! Your Help is Needed Now!!!

The funds needed for designing and constructing our money museum must be raised by the numismatic community. The first and most urgent need is to gain congressional support for a commemorative coin program.

The museum space will cost approximately $8 million and a commemorative coin program can raise this money. California Senators Feinstein and Boxer have proposed Senate Bill S.168 authorizing 2006 dated coins. The legislation will require 67 of the 100 senators to co-sign this bill. Note – this is the first time in the history of the numerous commemorative coins that all surcharges will go to establish a numismatic museum. We are asking you to take 15 minutes of your time to e-mail, fax, phone or write (the least effective method) any senators, other than the California senators, requesting they co-sponsor bill 168. Please ask your friends and clients to do likewise. It is much more effective to fax your letter rather than to utilize the postal service. Please include your company's letterhead or all of your contact information such as your full address. To find any senator's contact information, log on to: www.senate.gov. Address your correspondence as follows:

The Honorable (full name of the senator)
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If you send an e-mail, follow the same suggestions for a faxed letter. For the subject line, identify your message by topic or bill number (168). Include your address and zip code.

Dr. Donald Kagin Heads the Campaign

Recently elected ANA Governor Dr. Don Kagin has worked for nine years to establish such a museum in the San Francisco Mint Building known as the "Granite Lady." As many of you may remember, there was a Mint Museum including the Superintendent's office, etc. thanks to the numismatic community and particularly, Mint Director Mary Brooks. It is hard to imagine that this restored building will not include an impressive National Gold Rush and Money Museum. But we need more than just your approval and good wishes. We need your active help now. For more information, contact Dr. Tom Fitzgerald, Stan Turrini or Dr. Don Kagin.

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Calendar of Events

...mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Sept. 18 - 21	**Long Beach Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo**, 100 S. Pine Avenue, Long Beach, Debra Brower (805) 962-9939, lbexpo@gte.net.
October 12	**North County Monthly Coin Show** (Anaheim), Embassy Suites Hotel, 3100 Frontera Street (91 Fwy at Glassell Street), Don Brady, (208) 433-9464 (DBCCnumis@aol.com).
Oct. 18 and 19	**Pacific Expos** (Buena Park), Retail Clerks Hall, 8550 Stanton Avenue, Dan Brady (208) 433-9464, pacificexpos@aol.com.
November 2	**Coin Show** (El Cajon), Heartland Coin Club, Masonic Temple, 695 Ballantyne St., Lee Darnell (760) 789-7181, jy-joylee@pacbell.net.
November 16	**North County Monthly Coin Show** (Anaheim), Embassy Suites Hotel, 3100 Frontera Street (91 Fwy at Glassell Street), Don Brady, (208) 433-9464 (DBCCnumis@aol.com).
Nov. 28 - 30	**PASPEX** (Pasadena), Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E. Green Street, Israel Bick (818) 997-6496, iibick@aol.com.
November 30	**Glendale Coin Club Coin Show** (Van Nuys), Masonic Hall, 14750 Sherman Way, Earl Fritcher (818) 352-1245, alli-none@webtv.net.
December 7	**North County Monthly Coin Show** (Anaheim), Embassy Suites Hotel, 3100 Frontera Street (91 Fwy at Glassell Street), Don Brady, (208) 433-9464 (DBCCnumis@aol.com).

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January TBD	**North County Monthly Coin Show** (Anaheim), Embassy Suites Hotel, 3100 Frontera Street (91 Fwy at Glassell Street), Don Brady, (208) 433-9464 (DBCCnumis@aol.com).

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  http://home.earthlink.net/~beedon/calshows.htm.
- If you have a coin club sponsored show or other event that you'd like to have listed in *The Quarterly*, please email the following information to Gary Beedon at beedon@earthlink.net: dates, name of show, address, facility name, contact info, and any admission or parking fees.

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